

# The unworthy THOR



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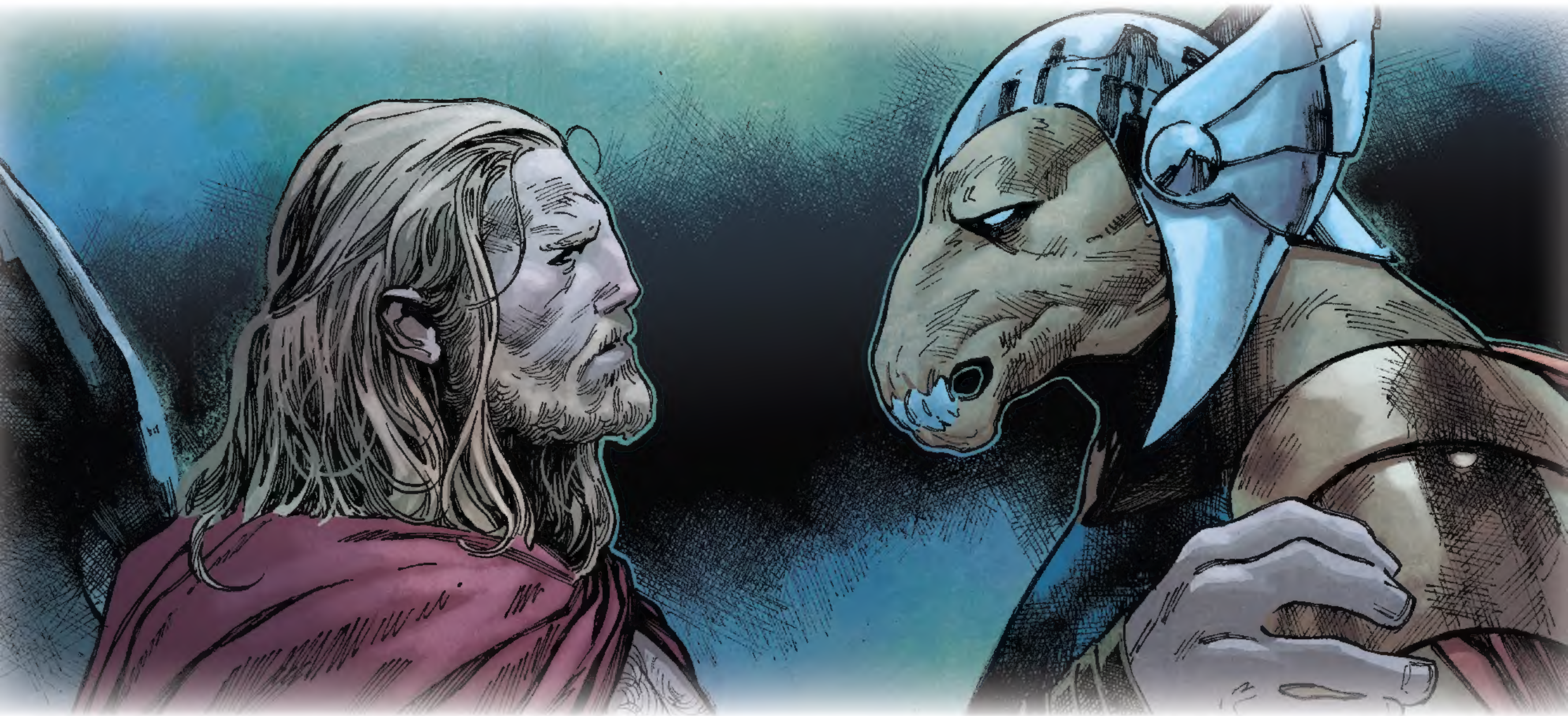
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ON THE DAY THOR ODINSON LEARNED A LONG-KEPT SECRET STOLEN FROM THE WATCHER, HE DROPPED THE MYSTIC HAMMER MJOLNIR TO THE SURFACE OF THE MOON. TRY AS HE MIGHT, THOR COULD NOT LIFT HIS ONCE-FAITHFUL WEAPON. UNABLE TO POSSESS THE POWER OF HIS BIRTHRIGHT, THE THUNDER GOD RELINQUISHED THE NAME OF THOR AND NOW SIMPLY CALLS HIMSELF ODINSON. NOW HE SEARCHES FOR REDEMPTION, BUT UNTIL HE FINDS IT, HE WILL REMAIN...

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RECENTLY, THE ODINSON CROSSED PATHS WITH A BEING KNOWN AS THE UNSEEN, WHO SHARED AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF ODINSON’S FALL FROM GLORY AND A TALE OF ANOTHER HAMMER HIDDEN ON OLD ASGARD.

ODINSON RACED TO THE RUINS OF HIS FORMER HOME, BUT FOUND THE ENTIRE REALM MISSING. IN ITS PLACE WAS HIS FRIEND, BETA RAY BILL. THE REUNION WAS CUT SHORT WHEN THE TWO WERE SET UPON BY MYSTERIOUS WARRIORS. THOUGH THE HEROES FOUGHT VALIANTLY, THEY DID NOT PREVAIL.

NOW THE ODINSON IS NOT ONLY UNWORTHY—  
HE IS ALSO THE CAPTIVE OF THE COLLECTOR...

MEANWHILE, A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE OFFERS TO BRING AN IMPRISONED THANOS THE OTHER HAMMER.

## THE SIN UNPARDONABLE

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EVERY DAY, WITH EVERY BREATH, I AM REMINDED OF MY CURRENT PLIGHT.

BRUTALLY REMINDED.

AND OF HOW HELPLESS I AM TO REVERSE IT.

THOR... I TRULY AM SORRY.

ONCE I WAS THE LORD OF THUNDER AND THE RAGING STORM. NOW I AM THE GOD OF WHIMPERS AND WHISPERS.

THERE IS ANOTHER. ANOTHER HAMMER.

ONCE I COULD SEE, NOW I AM BLIND.

I...I WILL...

BUT I DO NOT BLAME THE ONE WHO FELLED ME WITH HIS WORDS.

I WILL BE THOR... I...

OR THE MADMAN WHO HOLDS ME PRISONER. BECAUSE I KNOW, DEEP IN MY GUTS... THEY ARE RIGHT.

THE HAMMER WILL BE MINE, ODINSON! MINE AND NO ONE ELSE'S!

I NEVER DESERVED TO BE WORTHY IN THE FIRST PLACE.

IT WILL BE A BETTER WORLD WITHOUT GODS. WITHOUT YOU.

NEVER DID.

UGGH!



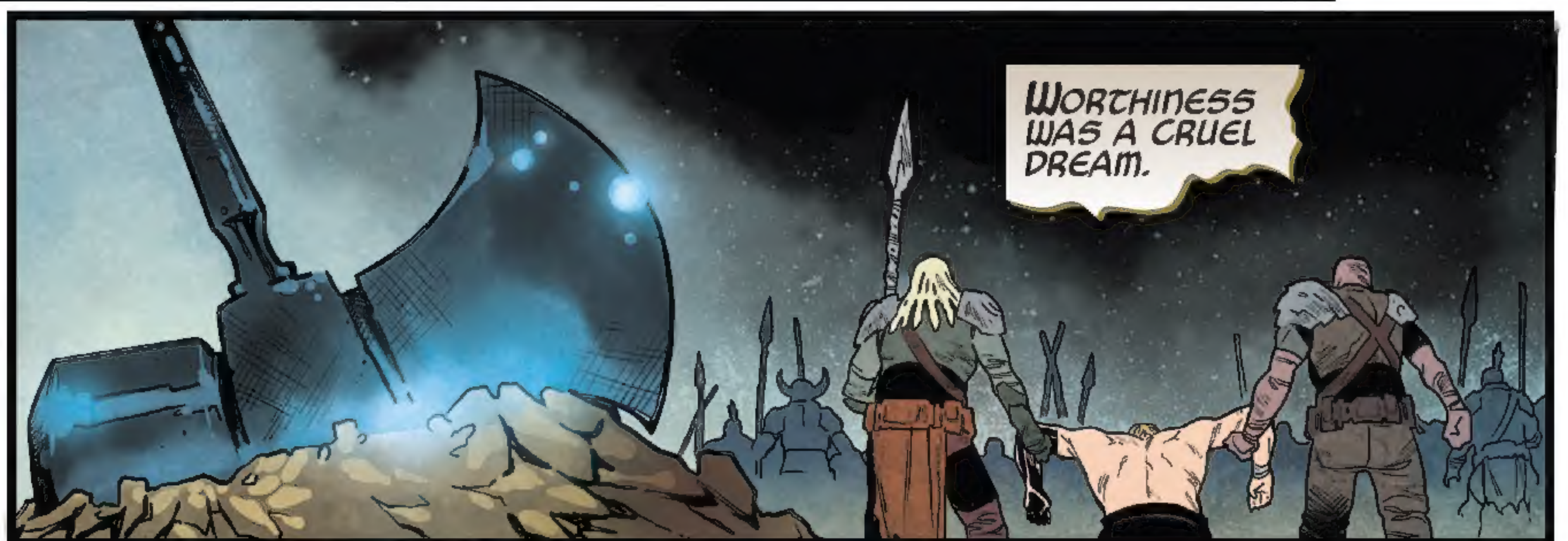
NEVER WILL.



DRAG HIM  
BACK TO HIS  
CELL! PUT HIM IN  
MORE CHAINS  
THIS TIME!

BUT WE  
PUT HIM IN  
MORE CHAINS  
THE LAST  
TIME.

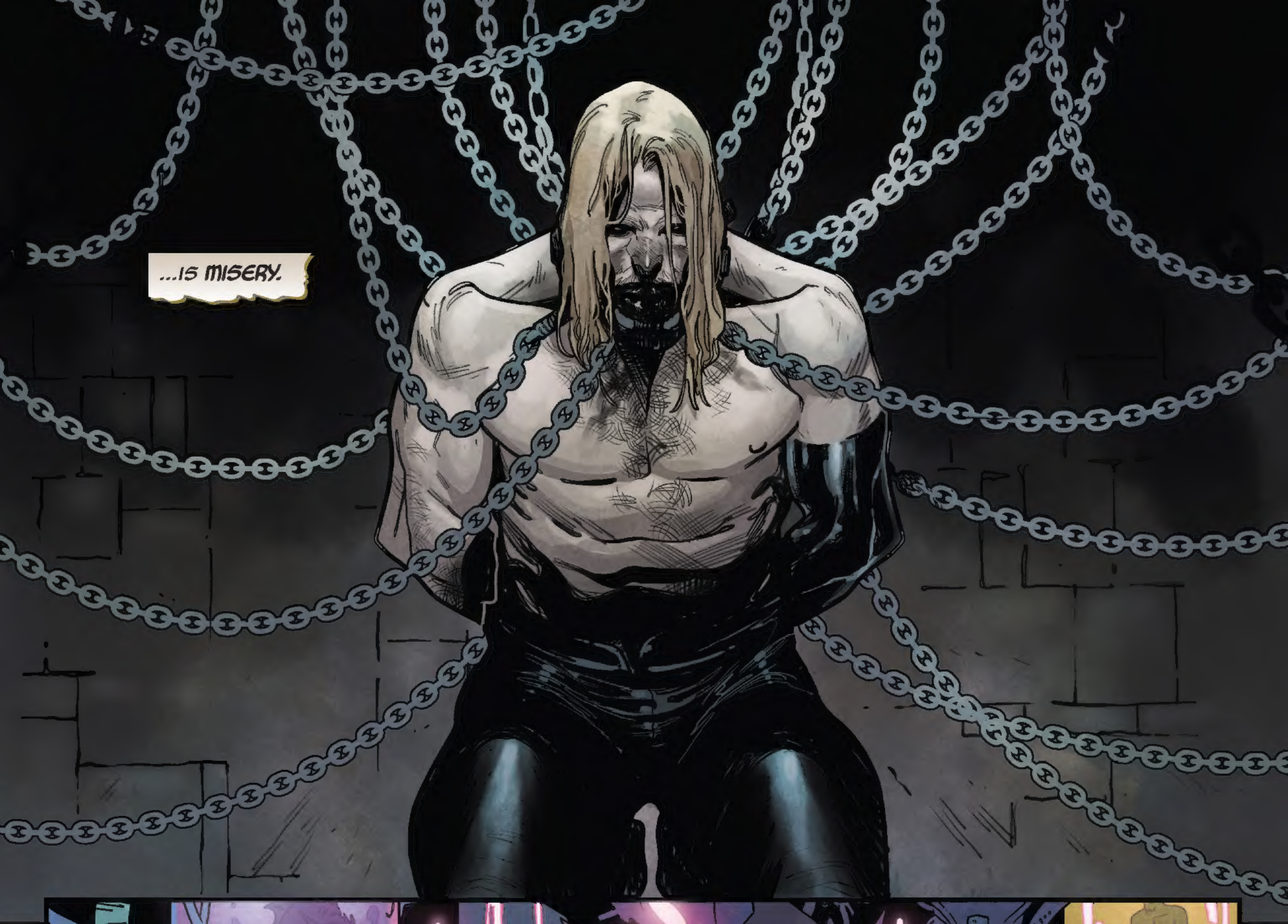
THEN  
PUT HIM  
IN ALL THE  
CHAINS!



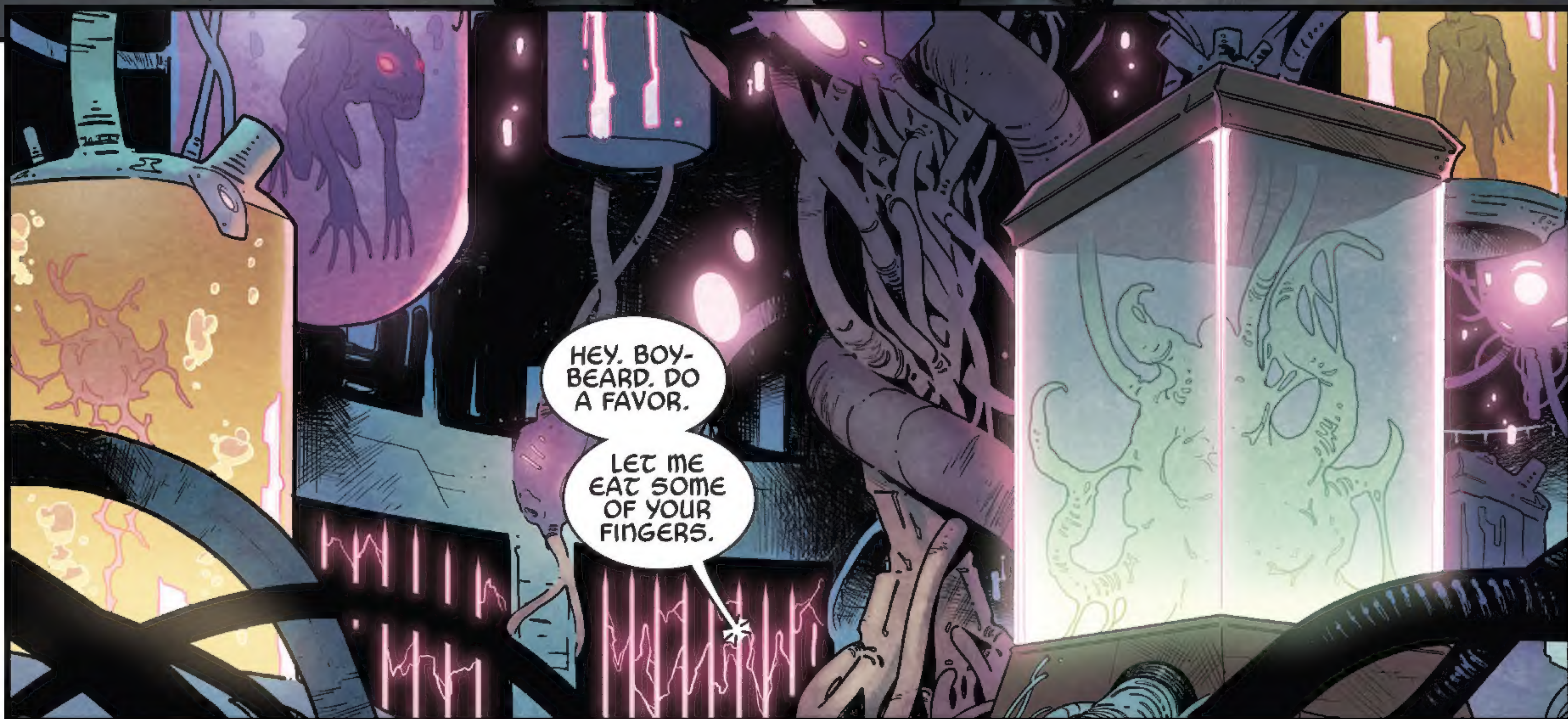
WORTHINESS  
WAS A CRUEL  
DREAM.

ALL I AM TRULY  
WORTHY OF  
NOW...



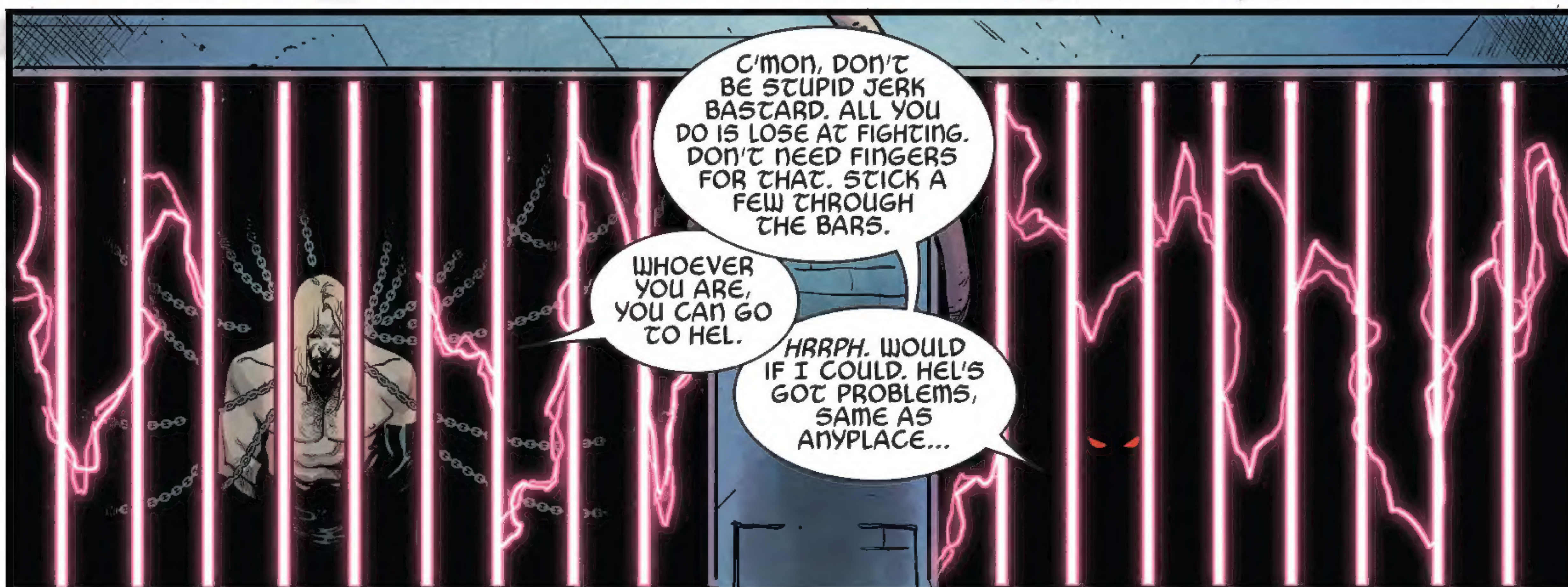


...IS MISERY.



HEY. BOY-BEARD. DO A FAVOR.

LET ME EAT SOME OF YOUR FINGERS.



C'MON, DON'T BE STUPID JERK BASTARD. ALL YOU DO IS LOSE AT FIGHTING. DON'T NEED FINGERS FOR THAT. STICK A FEW THROUGH THE BARS.

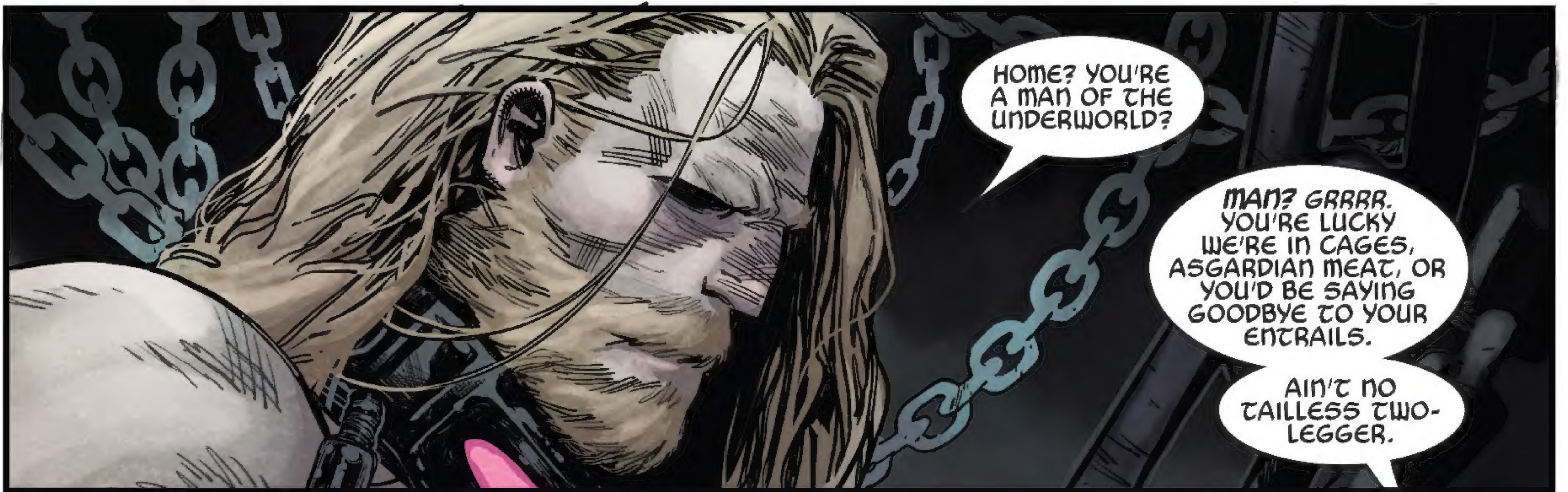
WHOEVER YOU ARE, YOU CAN GO TO HEL.

HRRPH. WOULD IF I COULD. HEL'S GOT PROBLEMS, SAME AS ANYPLACE...





...BUT  
IT'S STILL  
HOME.



HOME? YOU'RE  
A MAN OF THE  
UNDERWORLD?

MAN? GRRRR.  
YOU'RE LUCKY  
WE'RE IN CAGES,  
ASGARDIAN MEAT, OR  
YOU'D BE SAYING  
GOODBYE TO YOUR  
ENTRAILS.

AIN'T NO  
TAILLESS TWO-  
LEGGER.



I'M A  
**HEL-HOUND.**  
GREATEST OF ALL  
HEL-HOUNDS! SON  
OF THE **HEL-WOLF**  
HIMSELF.

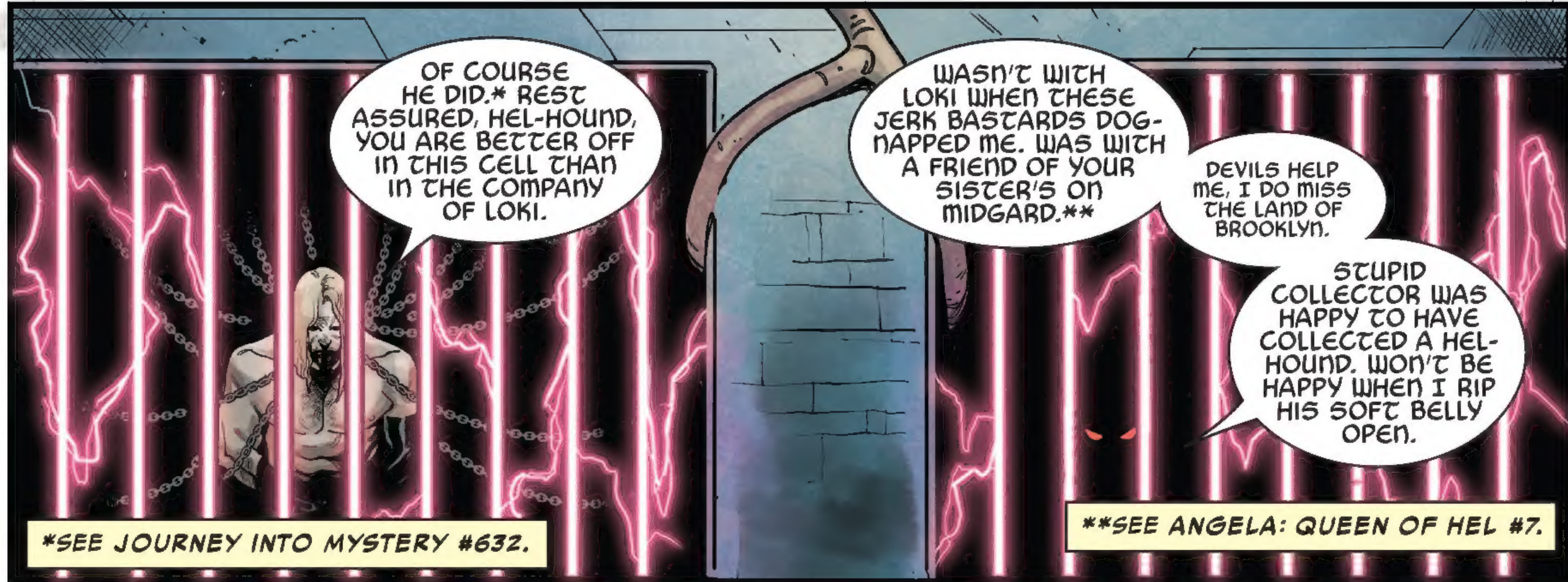
ACROSS THE  
TEN REALMS, THEY  
KNOW ME AS THE  
**DEATHRIPPER.** THE DEVIL  
DOG. THE ATROCITY  
THAT WALKS ON  
FOUR LEGS.



BUT...GRRR...  
YOUR BROTHER...  
HE...URR...

HE  
NAMED ME  
**THORI.**





OF COURSE HE DID.\* REST ASSURED, HEL-HOUND, YOU ARE BETTER OFF IN THIS CELL THAN IN THE COMPANY OF LOKI.

WASN'T WITH LOKI WHEN THESE JERK BASTARDS DOG-NAPPED ME. WAS WITH A FRIEND OF YOUR SISTER'S ON MIDGARD.\*\*

DEVILS HELP ME, I DO MISS THE LAND OF BROOKLYN.

STUPID COLLECTOR WAS HAPPY TO HAVE COLLECTED A HEL-HOUND. WON'T BE HAPPY WHEN I RIP HIS SOFT BELLY OPEN.

\*SEE JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY #632.

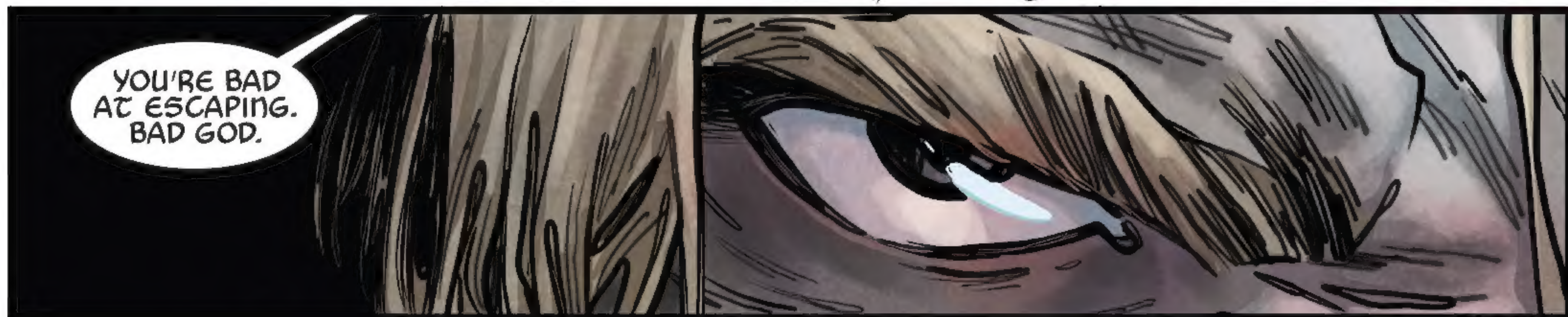
\*\*SEE ANGELA: QUEEN OF HEL #7.



WE MET ONCE. I WANTED TO MURDER YOUR FACE. MURDER!

DIDN'T THINK I SHOULD HAVE. NOW THINKING ABOUT EATING YOUR GOAT.

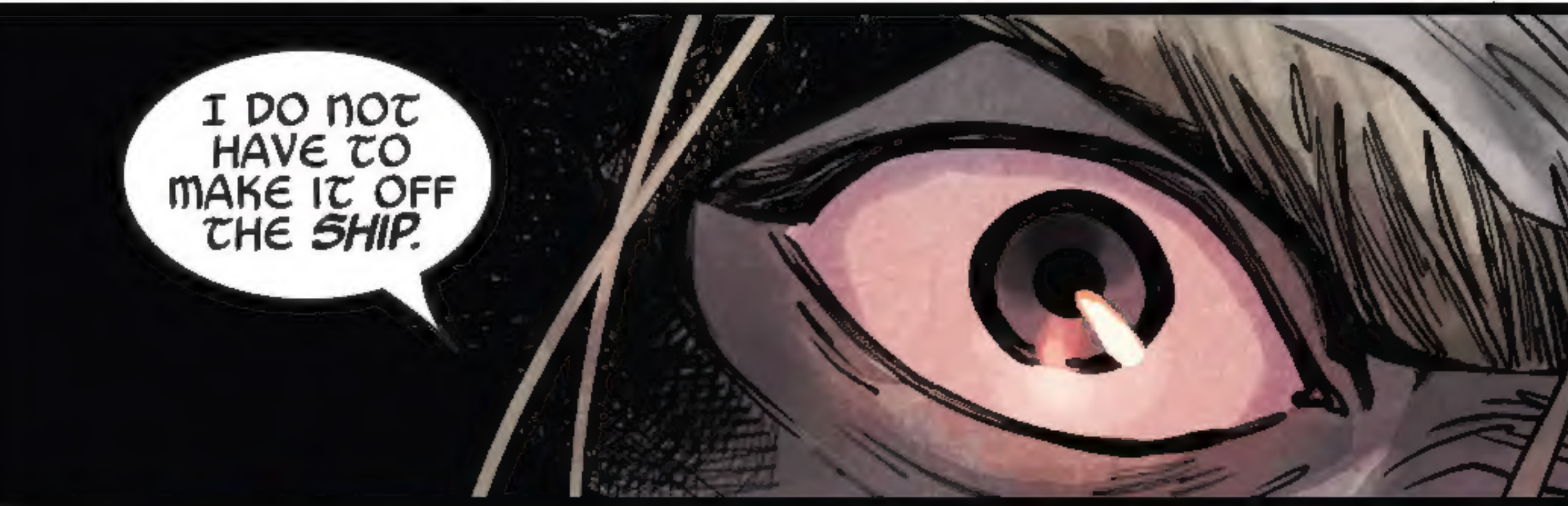
MORE LIKELY TOOTHGNASHER WILL EAT US BOTH IF WE DO NOT ESCAPE THIS PLACE.



YOU'RE BAD AT ESCAPING. BAD GOD.



BASTARD GUARDS EVERYWHERE. NO WAY OFF THIS STUPID SPACE BOAT.



I DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE IT OFF THE SHIP.



I JUST HAVE TO REACH THE HAMMER!

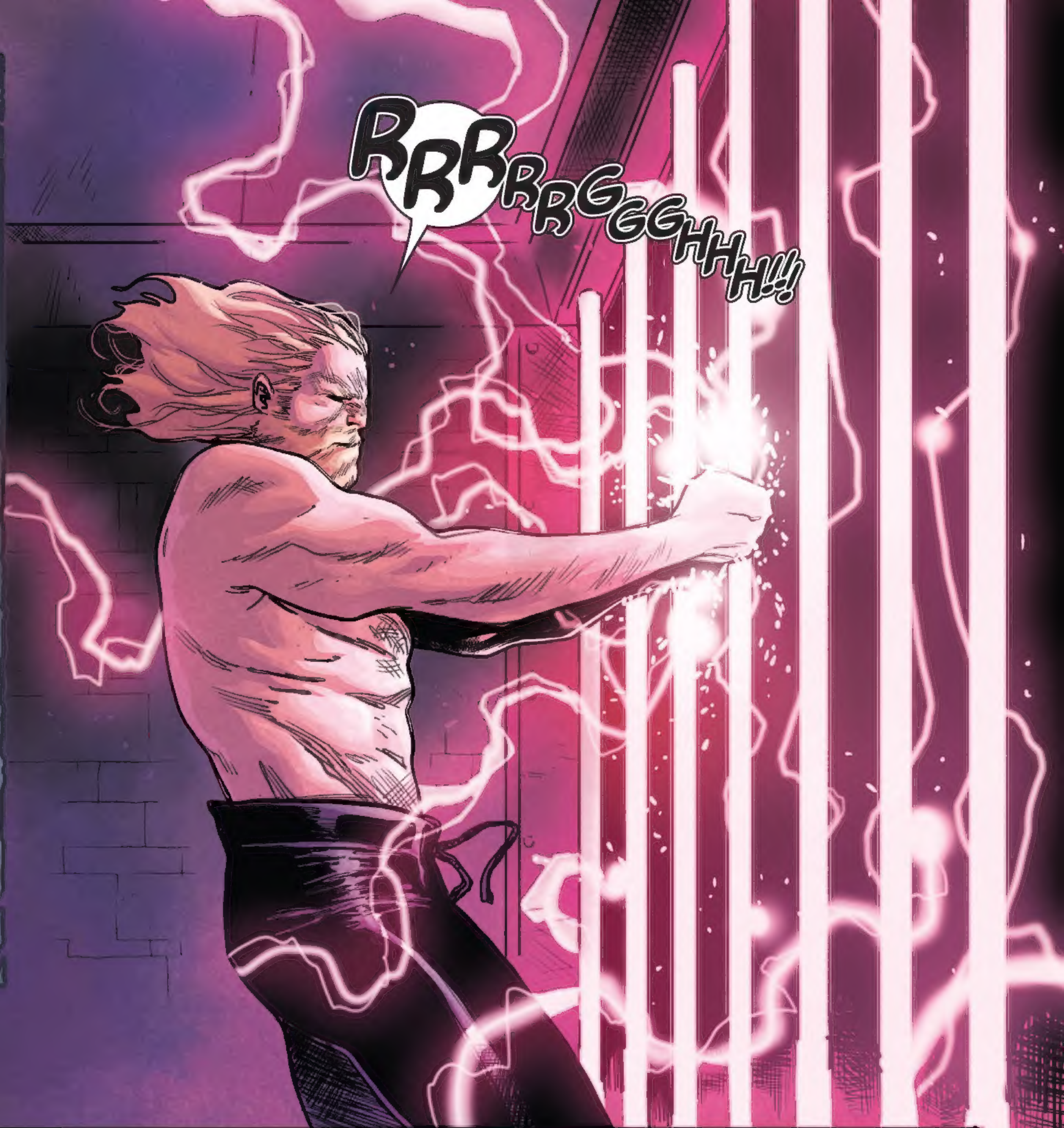




FATHER,  
LOOK, I CAN  
ALMOST...

WHAT IN  
THE NAME OF  
BOR DO YOU THINK  
YOU'RE DOING, BOY?  
UNHAND THAT  
WEAPON AT  
ONCE!

THAT  
HAMMER WAS  
NEVER MEANT  
FOR THE LIKES  
OF YOU,  
THOR!



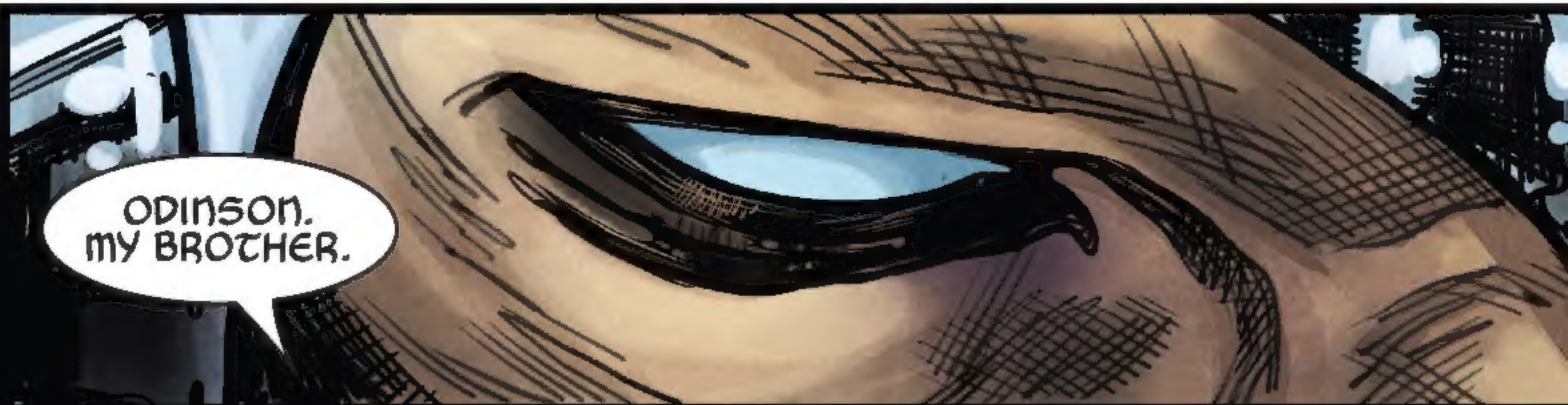
HERE  
WE GO  
AGAIN.

THIS ONE'S  
MORE DAMN  
TROUBLE THAN  
A PACK OF  
WILD MOON  
WOLVES.

HIT HIM  
WITH THE FULL  
CHARGE. MAYBE  
THAT'LL SHOCK  
SOME SENSE  
INTO HIS--



ODINSON.  
MY BROTHER.





ARE YOU READY TO SUMMON THE THUNDER?



BETA RAY BILL...?

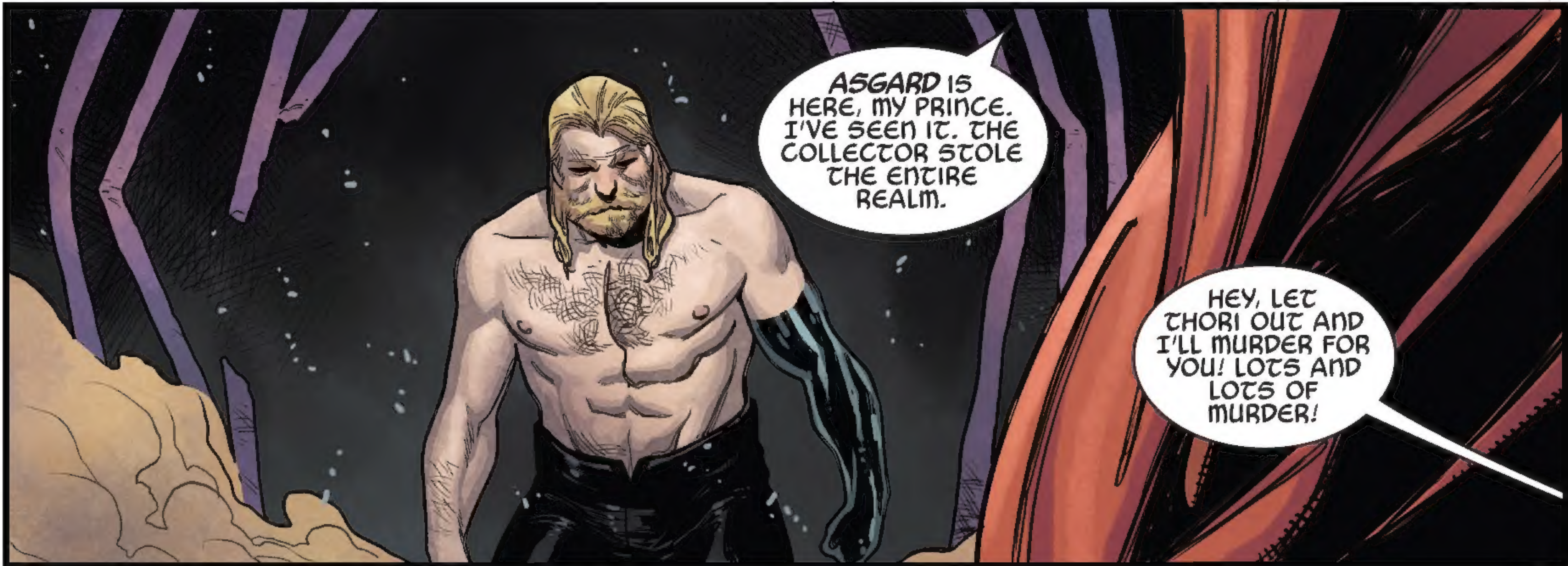


I EXPECT YOU'VE BEEN ENJOYING THE COLLECTOR'S HOSPITALITY AS MUCH AS I HAVE. I FINALLY MANAGED TO ESCAPE MY CELL AND FIND WHERE THEY'D HIDDEN MY BELOVED STORMBREAKER.

COME, WE MUST MAKE HASTE, AS MORE GUARDS WILL BE HERE ANY MOMENT. STAND BACK FROM THE BARS, SON OF ODIN.







ASGARD IS  
HERE, MY PRINCE.  
I'VE SEEN IT. THE  
COLLECTOR STOLE  
THE ENTIRE  
REALM.

HEY, LET  
THOR OUT AND  
I'LL MURDER FOR  
YOU! LOTS AND  
LOTS OF  
MURDER!



AND  
THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
ELSE.

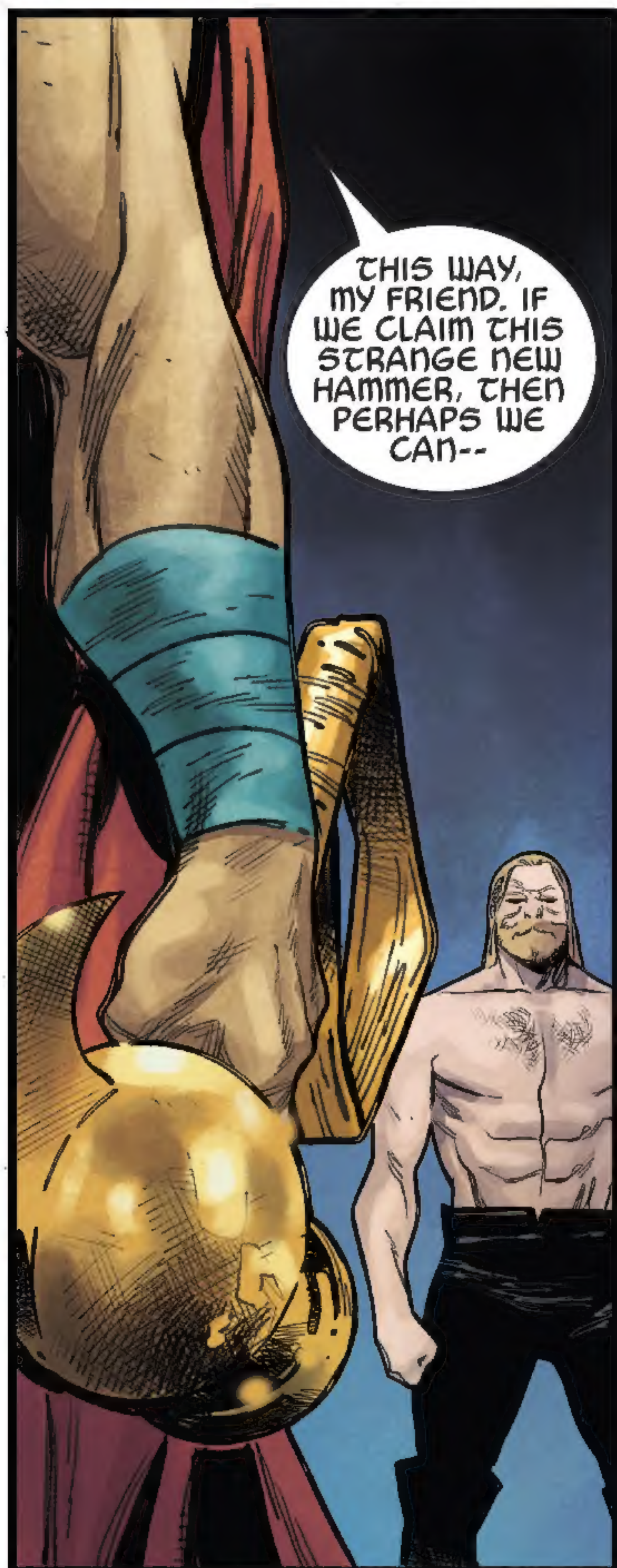
A HAMMER.  
THE LIKES OF  
WHICH I'VE  
NEVER SEEN.

WITH A  
POWER BOTH  
STRANGE AND...  
HAUNTINGLY  
FAMILIAR.



THE  
HAMMER IS  
MINE!

AND POWER  
ENOUGH TO  
SHAKE THIS  
PLANET TO ITS  
FOUNDATIONS!



THIS WAY,  
MY FRIEND. IF  
WE CLAIM THIS  
STRANGE NEW  
HAMMER, THEN  
PERHAPS WE  
CAN--




THE  
HAMMER...



THE  
HAMMER IS  
MINE!

ODINSON?!





RETRIEVAL  
SHUTTLE 39-424,  
YOU ARE CLEAR  
FOR DOCKING.

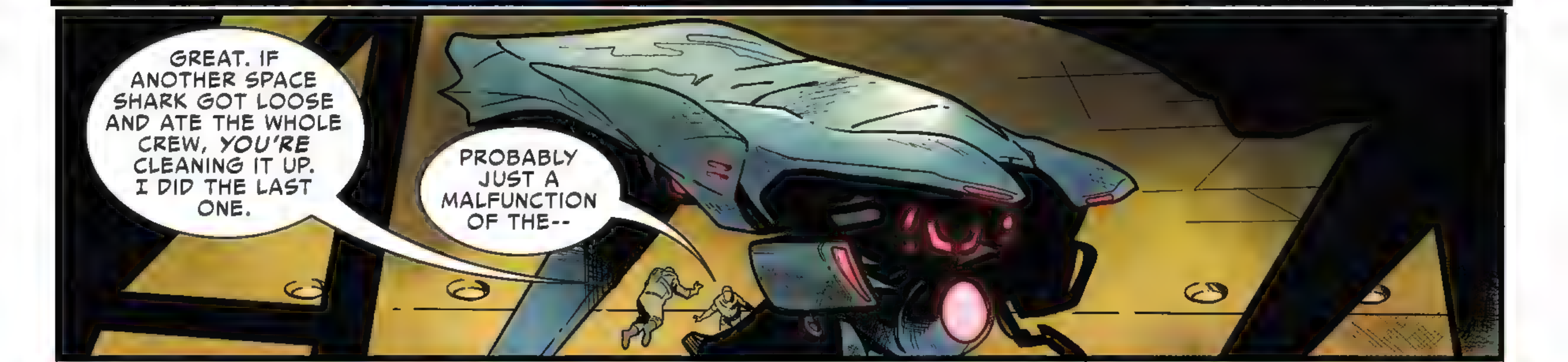
CURATORS  
WILL MEET YOU  
IN HANGAR 115.



WHAT  
DO WE  
GOT?

DON'T KNOW.  
THERE'S NO  
MANIFEST FILED  
FOR THIS ONE.

LOOKS LIKE WE  
LOST CONTACT WITH  
THEM A FEW DAYS AGO.  
LAST WE HEARD THEY WERE  
ON A ROUTINE FISHING  
MISSION SOMEWHERE  
IN THE PEGASUS  
SYSTEM.



GREAT. IF  
ANOTHER SPACE  
SHARK GOT LOOSE  
AND ATE THE WHOLE  
CREW, YOU'RE  
CLEANING IT UP.  
I DID THE LAST  
ONE.

PROBABLY  
JUST A  
MALFUNCTION  
OF THE--



HGGK.

GGKK.



IT'S  
HERE.

HOW  
YOU DO  
KNOW?

BECAUSE  
I KNOW THE  
STENCH OF  
ASGARDIAN  
MAGIC.

HEH. THEN  
YOU MAKE A FINE  
BLOODHOUND,  
DON'T YOU?





LEAD  
AWAY THEN,  
DOG.

MY DEAL IS  
WITH **THANOS**.  
NOT HIS LACKEYS.  
CALL ME DOG  
AGAIN, AND...

DOG.

YOU CAME  
BEGGING SCRAPS  
FROM THE MASTER'S  
TABLE, COWERING AND  
WHIMPERING. WHAT  
ARE YOU, IF NOT A  
BEATEN ANIMAL?

I BELIEVE  
WHAT **PROXIMA**  
**MIDNIGHT** IS TRYING TO SAY...  
IS THAT YOUR AFOREMENTIONED  
DEAL WITH **THANOS** IS  
CONTINGENT UPON YOUR  
DELIVERING THE  
HAMMER.

SO PERHAPS  
WE SHOULD  
FOCUS ON  
THAT, HMM?



WHAT  
**BLACK SWAN**  
IS TRYING TO  
SAY...

IS "LEAD  
ON..."

"...DOG."





GRRRGH!!!

ODINSON!

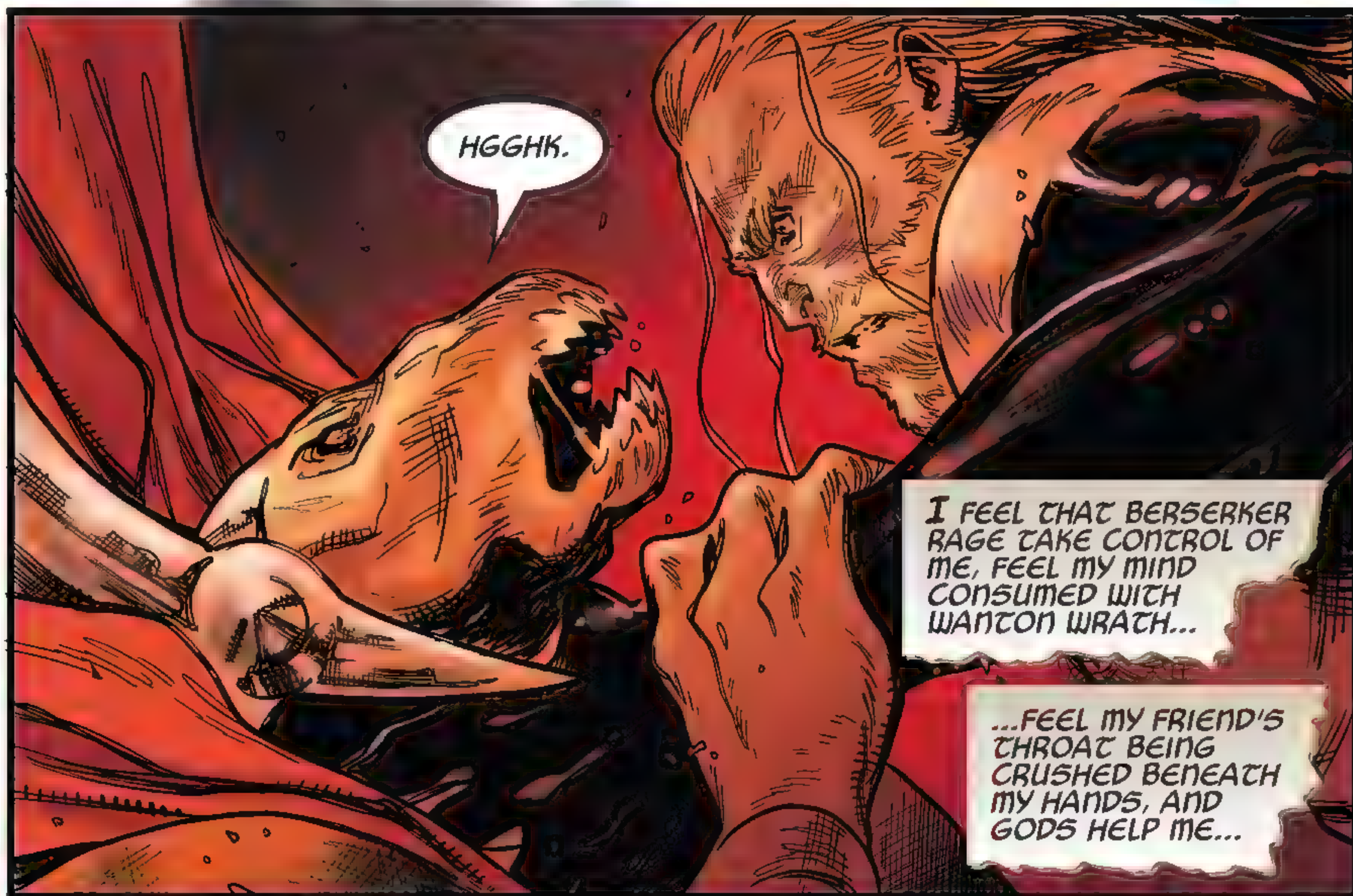


WHAT  
IN THE NAME  
OF ALL THE STARS  
HAS COME OVER YOU?!  
IT'S ALMOST AS IF  
YOU'RE AFFLICTED  
WITH--



WARRIOR MADNESS.  
WHAT MY FATHER  
CALLED "THE SIN  
UNPARDONABLE."

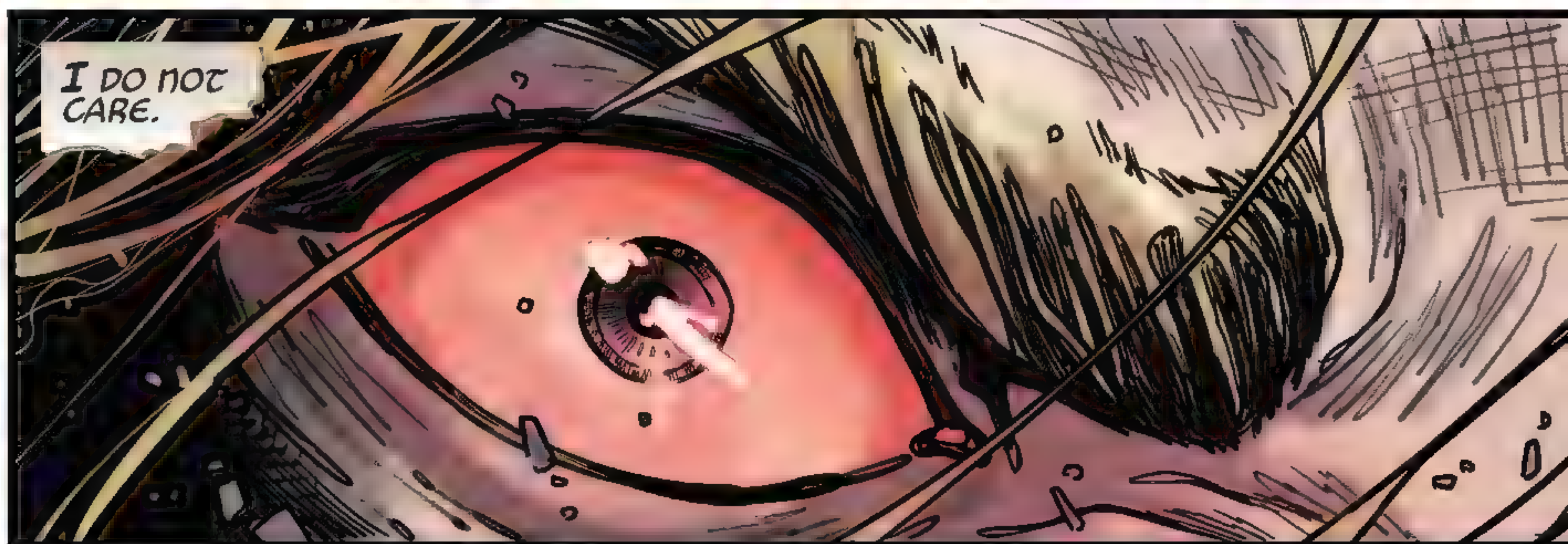
RRRRRGGGHHH!!!



HGGHK.

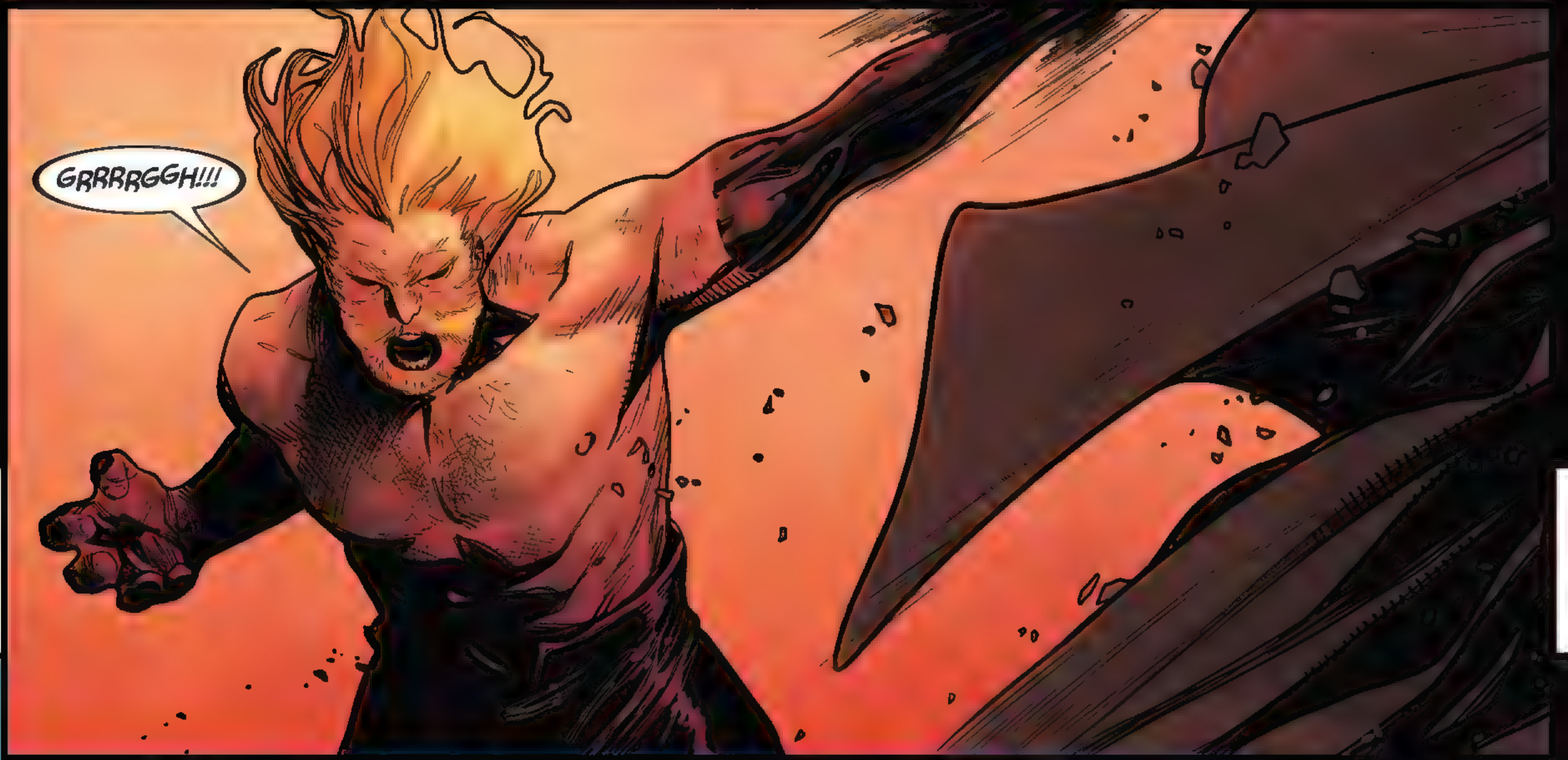
I FEEL THAT BERSERKER  
RAGE TAKE CONTROL OF  
ME, FEEL MY MIND  
CONSUMED WITH  
WANTON WRATH...

...FEEL MY FRIEND'S  
THROAT BEING  
CRUSHED BENEATH  
MY HANDS, AND  
GODS HELP ME...

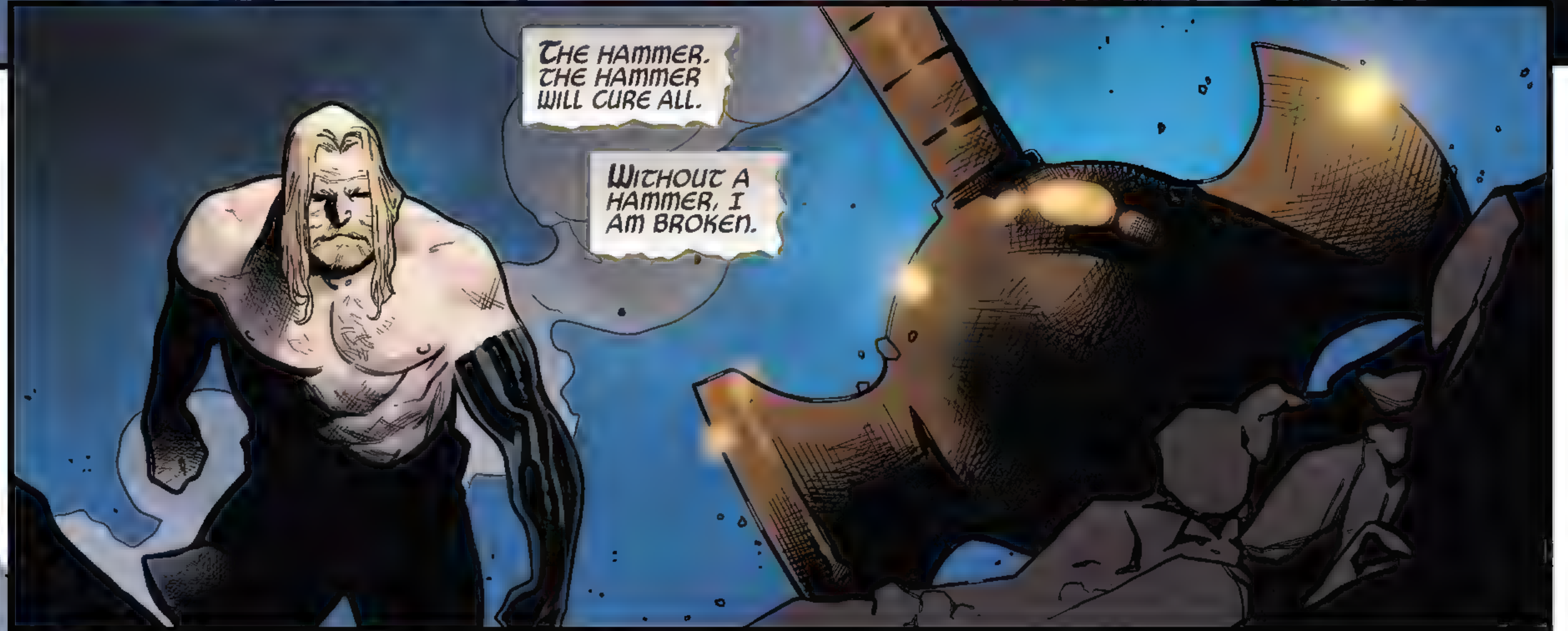
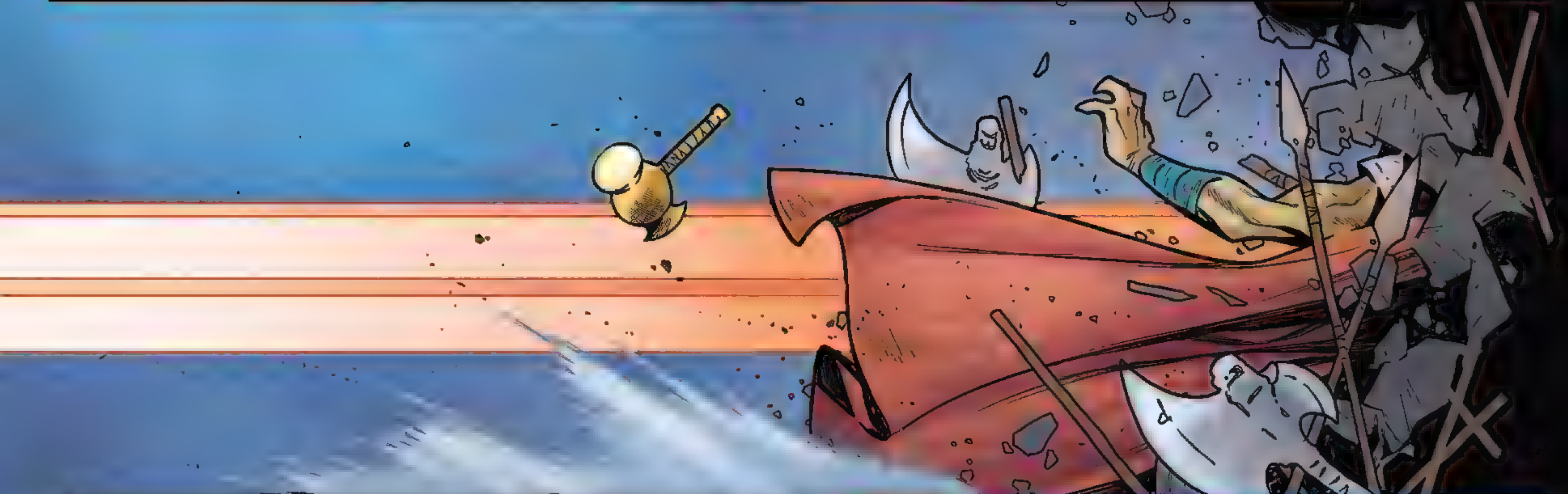


I DO NOT  
CARE.



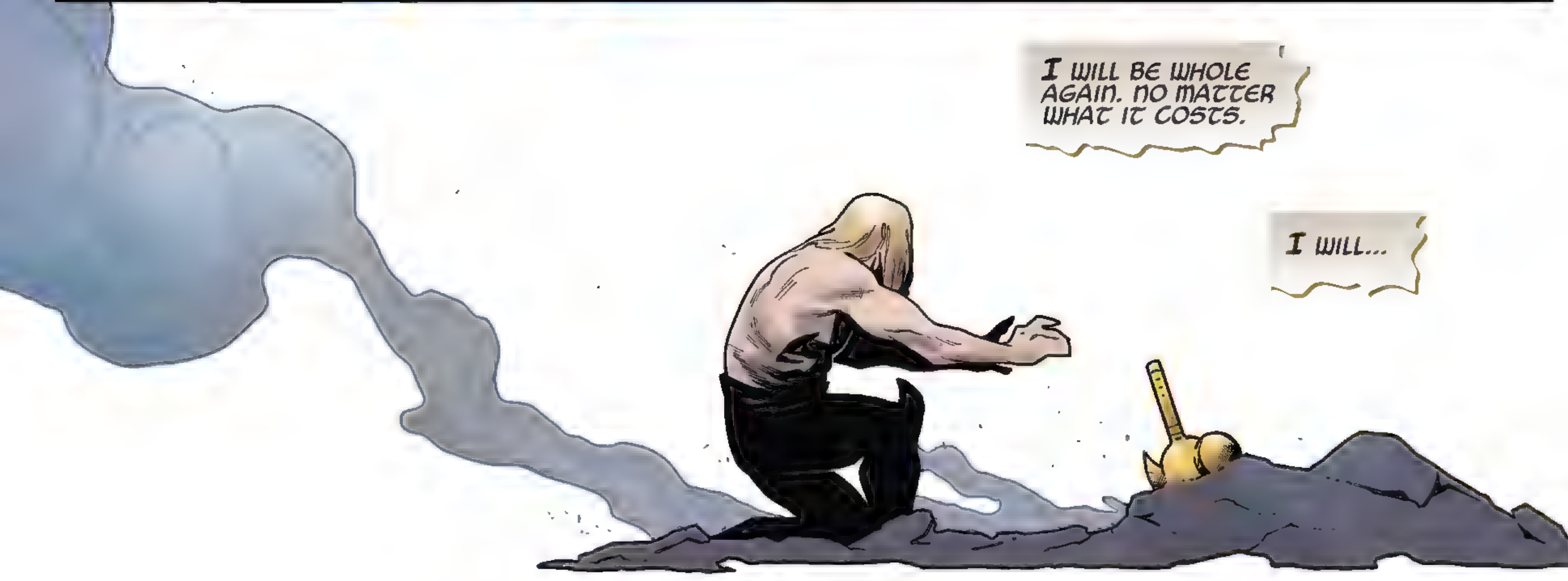


GRRRRGGH!!!



THE HAMMER.  
THE HAMMER  
WILL CURE ALL.

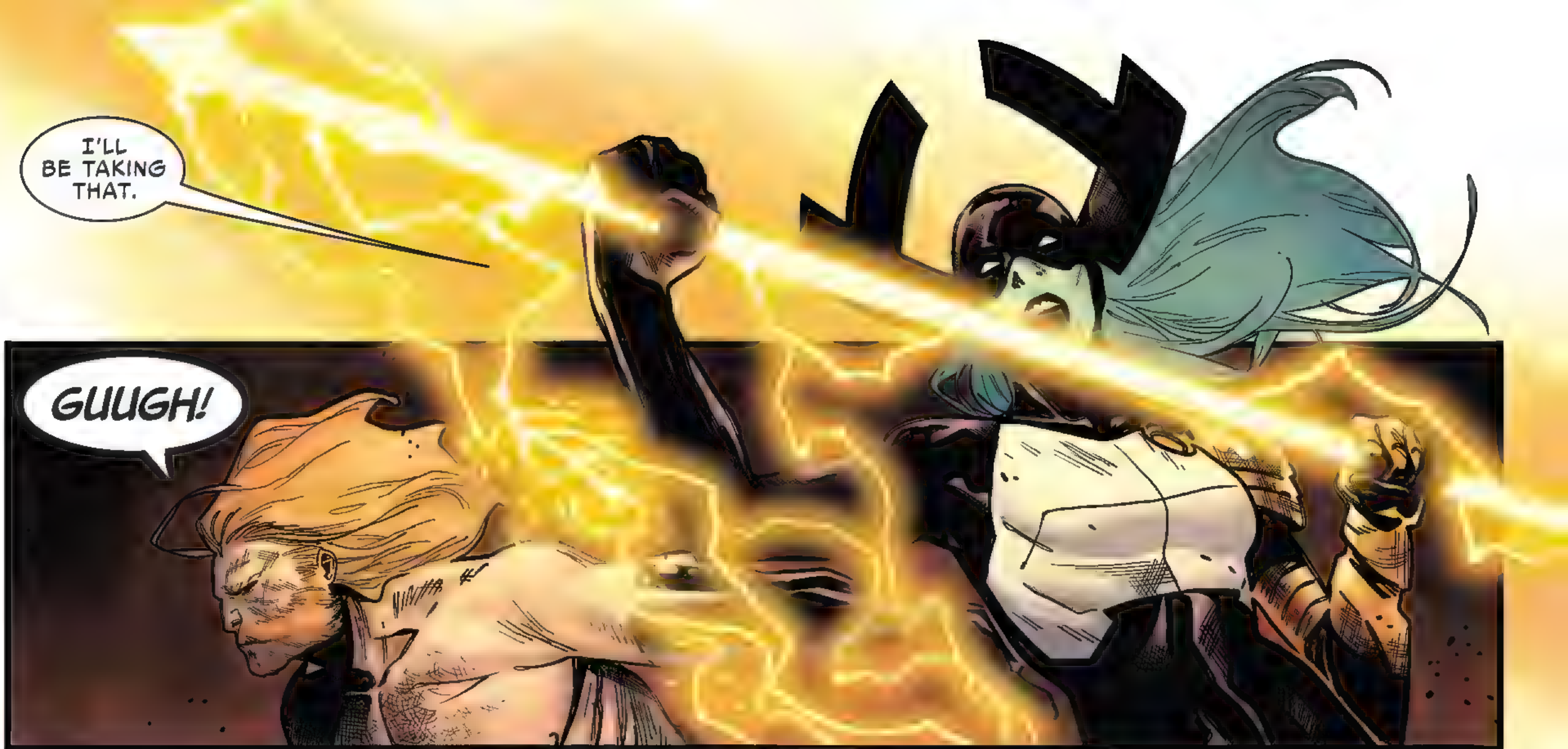
WITHOUT A  
HAMMER, I  
AM BROKEN.



I WILL BE WHOLE  
AGAIN. NO MATTER  
WHAT IT COSTS.

I WILL...





I'LL  
BE TAKING  
THAT.

GUUGH!



THORS. OF  
COURSE.

YOU THORS  
CAN NEVER  
KEEP YOUR HANDS  
OFF EACH OTHER'S  
HAMMERS,  
CAN YOU?

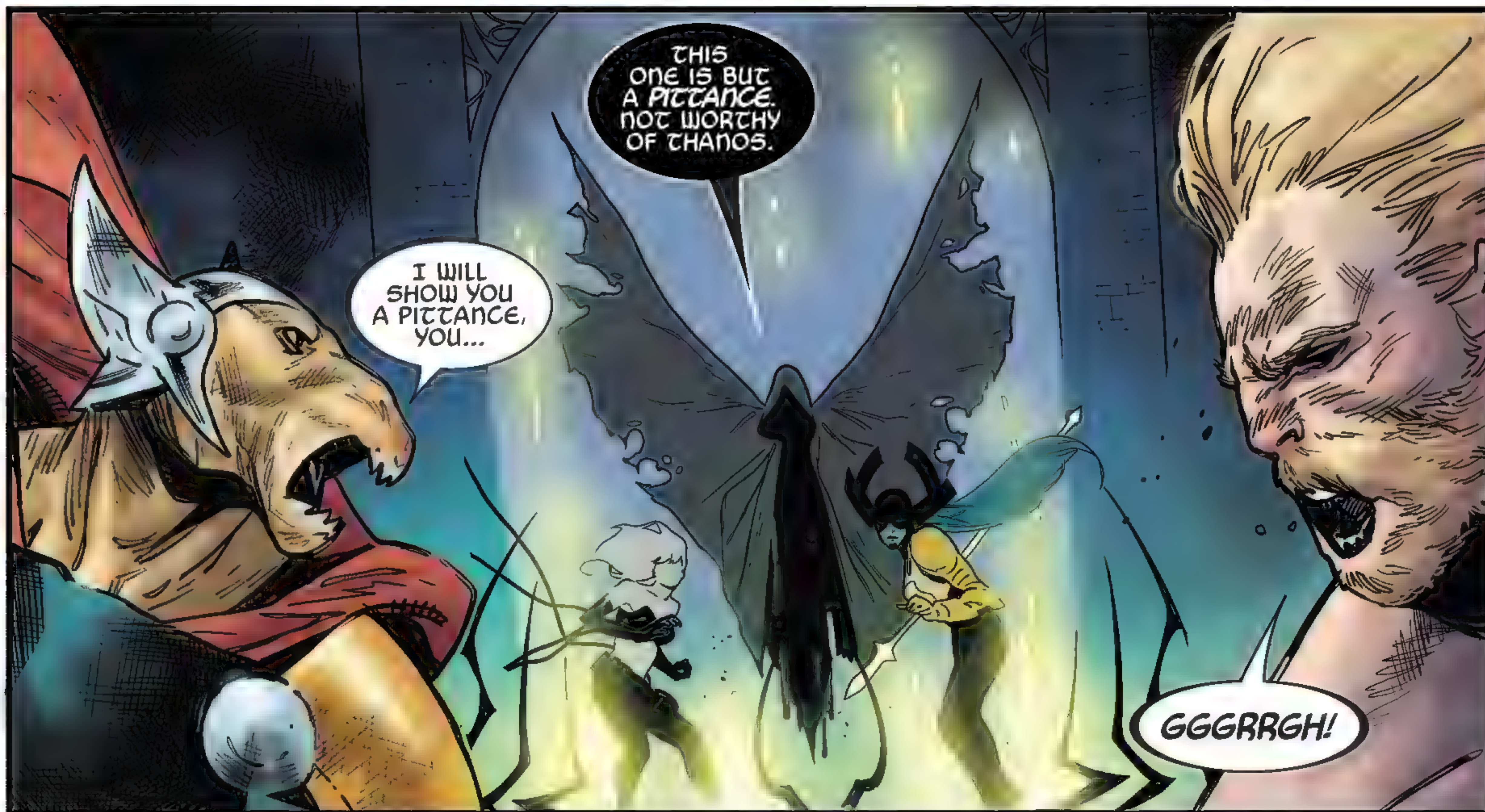
ARRRRGGGHH!!!



THE  
PRINCE OF  
ASGARD.

I CANNOT  
LET HIM SEE ME  
LIKE THIS.









COME,  
OUR BOON LIES  
ELSEWHERE.

I DON'T  
SEE THE HARM  
IN STILL JUST  
KILLING THEM.



THEY'RE  
GONE. THAT  
MAGIC--THERE  
WAS SOMETHING  
FAMILIAR  
ABOUT...

ODINSON,  
ARE YOU ALL  
RIGHT?



WHAT WILL YOU  
DO, LITTLE GOD?  
WHEN YOU ACCEPT  
THAT GORR IS RIGHT?  
ON THAT GRAND AND  
GLORIOUS DAY...

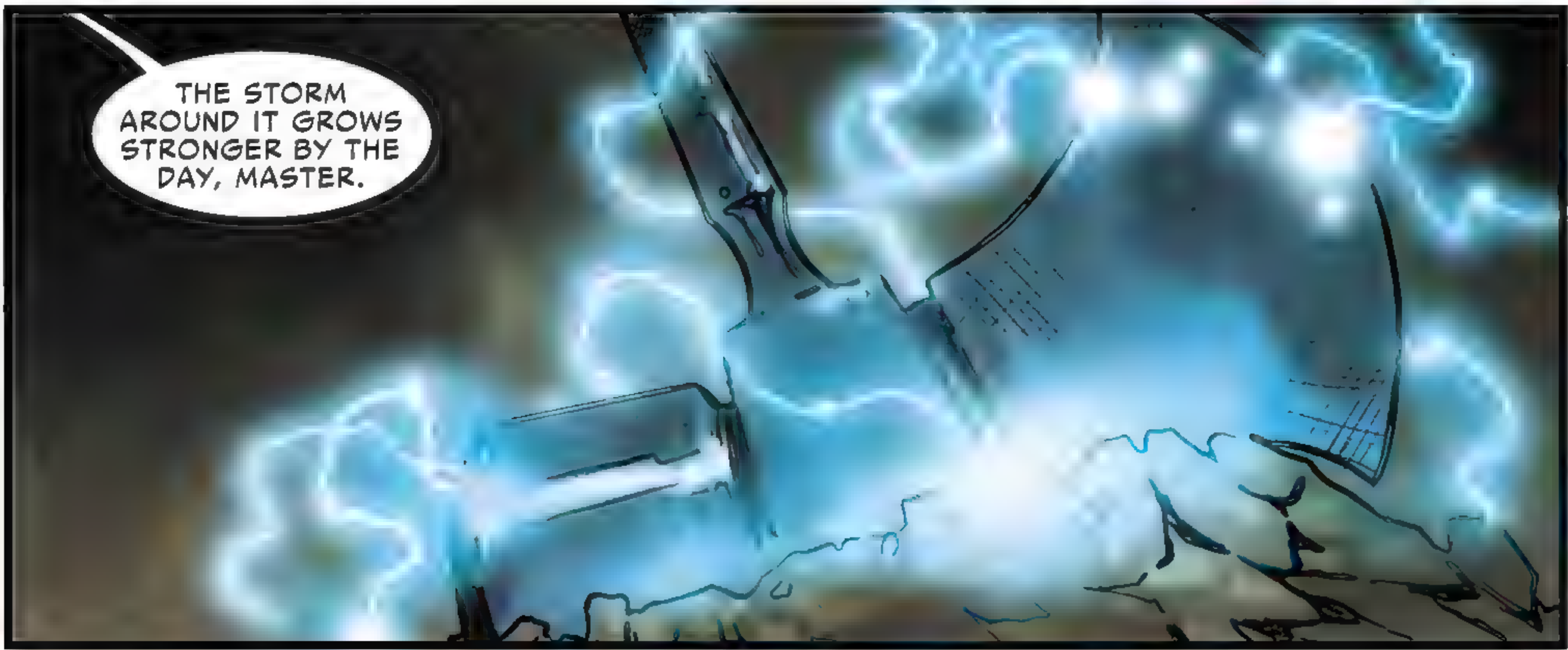
WHAT  
WILL YOU  
DO?



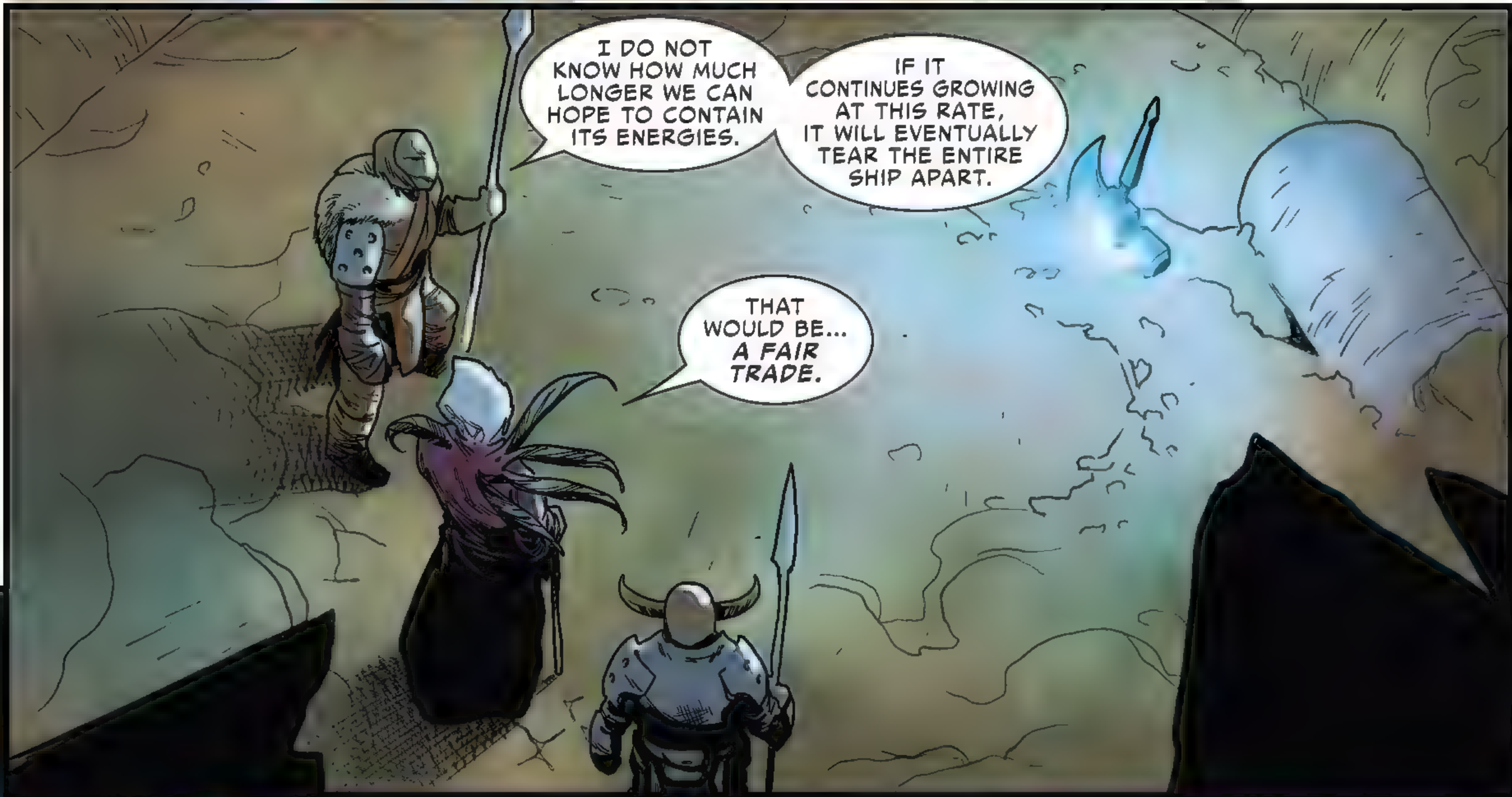
HAS YOUR  
MADNESS  
PASSED?

ODINSON?





THE STORM  
AROUND IT GROWS  
STRONGER BY THE  
DAY, MASTER.



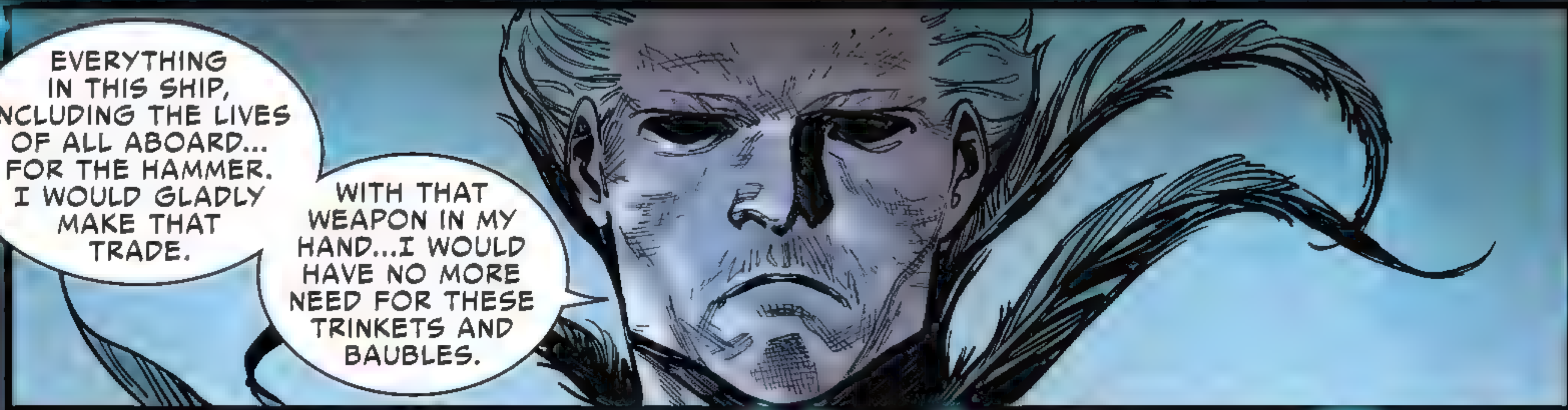
I DO NOT  
KNOW HOW MUCH  
LONGER WE CAN  
HOPE TO CONTAIN  
ITS ENERGIES.

IF IT  
CONTINUES GROWING  
AT THIS RATE,  
IT WILL EVENTUALLY  
TEAR THE ENTIRE  
SHIP APART.

THAT  
WOULD BE...  
A FAIR  
TRADE.

EVERYTHING  
IN THIS SHIP,  
INCLUDING THE LIVES  
OF ALL ABOARD...  
FOR THE HAMMER.  
I WOULD GLADLY  
MAKE THAT  
TRADE.

WITH THAT  
WEAPON IN MY  
HAND...I WOULD  
HAVE NO MORE  
NEED FOR THESE  
TRINKETS AND  
BAUBLES.



I WOULD  
COLLECT *ENTIRE*  
WORLDS.

NOT A  
BAD IDEA,  
COLLECTOR.  
IN FACT...







...THANOS WAS THINKING THE VERY SAME THING.



THANOS. I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN.

IF THE MAD TITAN HOPES TO STEAL MY PROPERTY, HE SHOULD HAVE SENT MORE THAN A FEW WENCHES.

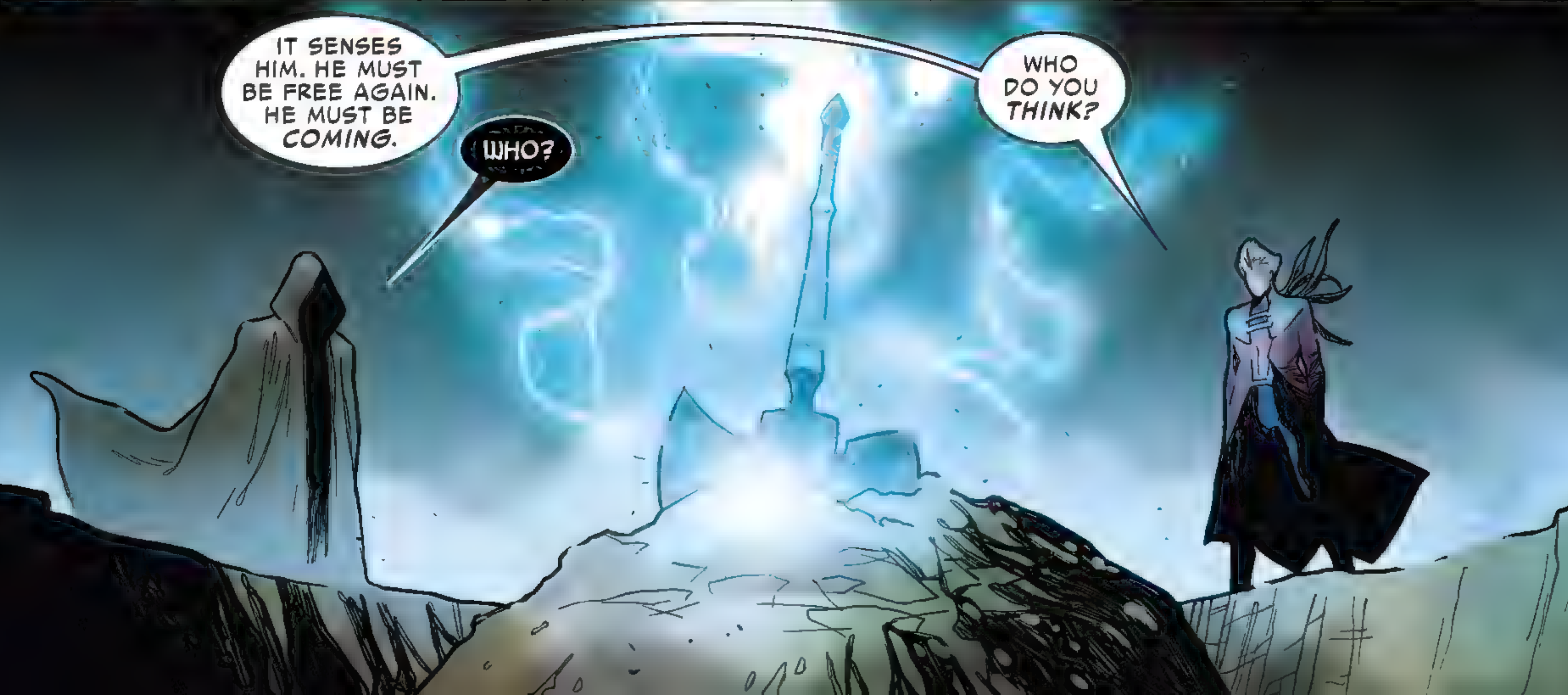
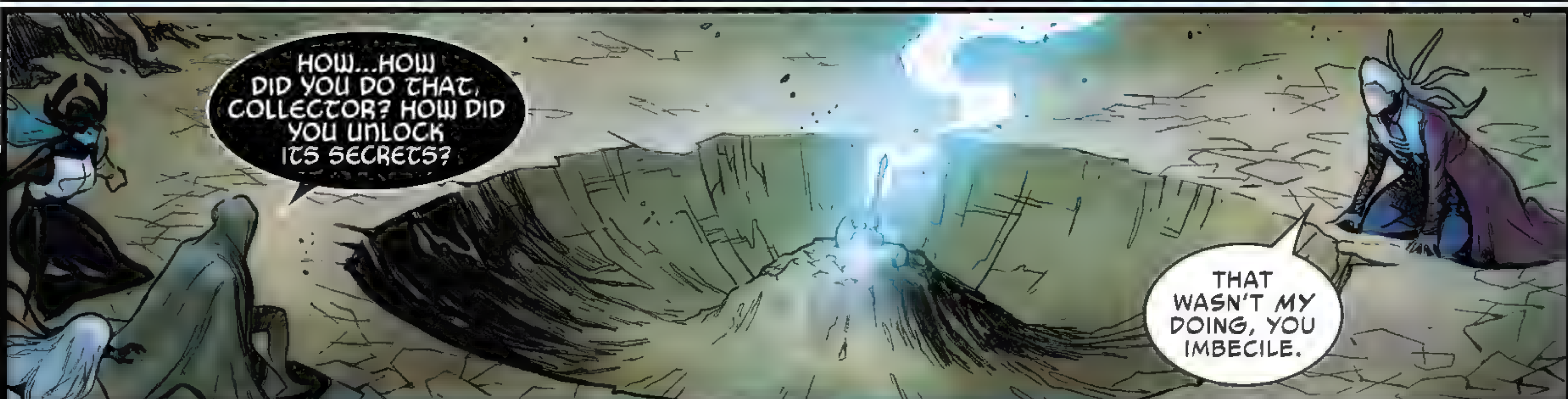
HIM WE ARE DEFINITELY KILLING.

BE MY GUEST.

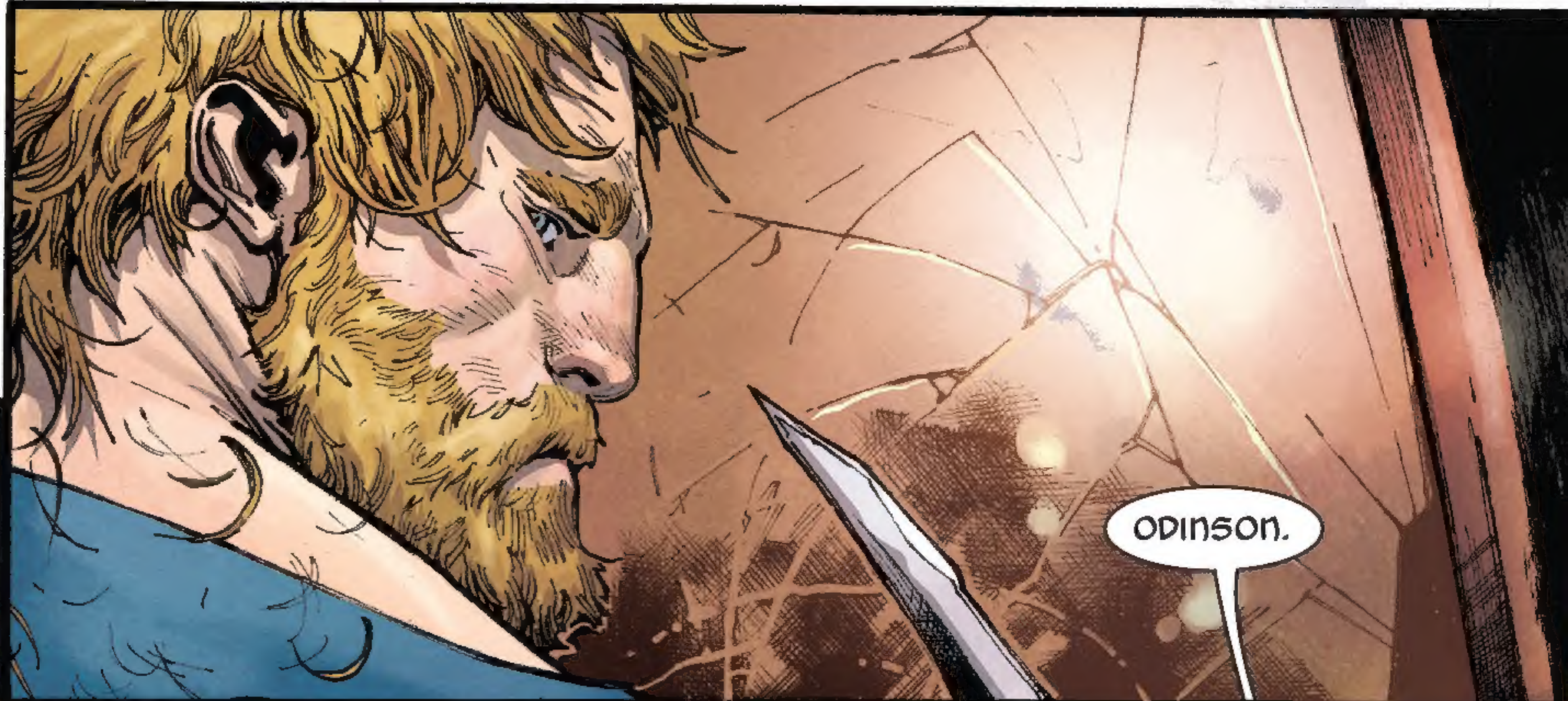


THOUGH AN ELDER OF THE UNIVERSE IS NEVER EASILY TRIFLED WITH.

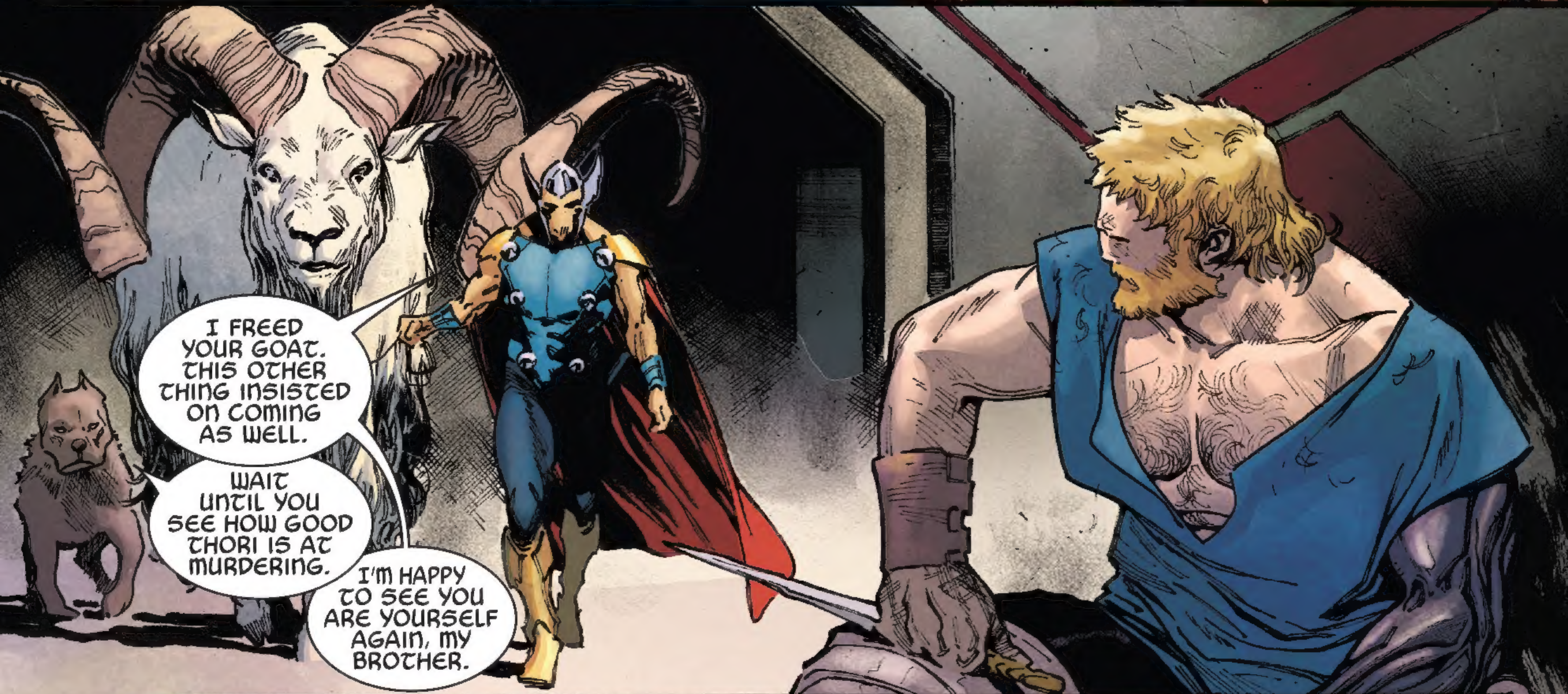








ODINSON.



I FREED YOUR GOAT. THIS OTHER THING INSISTED ON COMING AS WELL.

WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE HOW GOOD THORI IS AT MURDERING.

I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU ARE YOURSELF AGAIN, MY BROTHER.



MYSELF? NO. NOT EVER AGAIN.

I OWE YOU A THOUSAND PARDONS, BILL.

NONSENSE. AND MY ORIGINAL OFFER STILL STANDS. IF YOU DESIRE THIS HAMMER, IT IS YOURS.

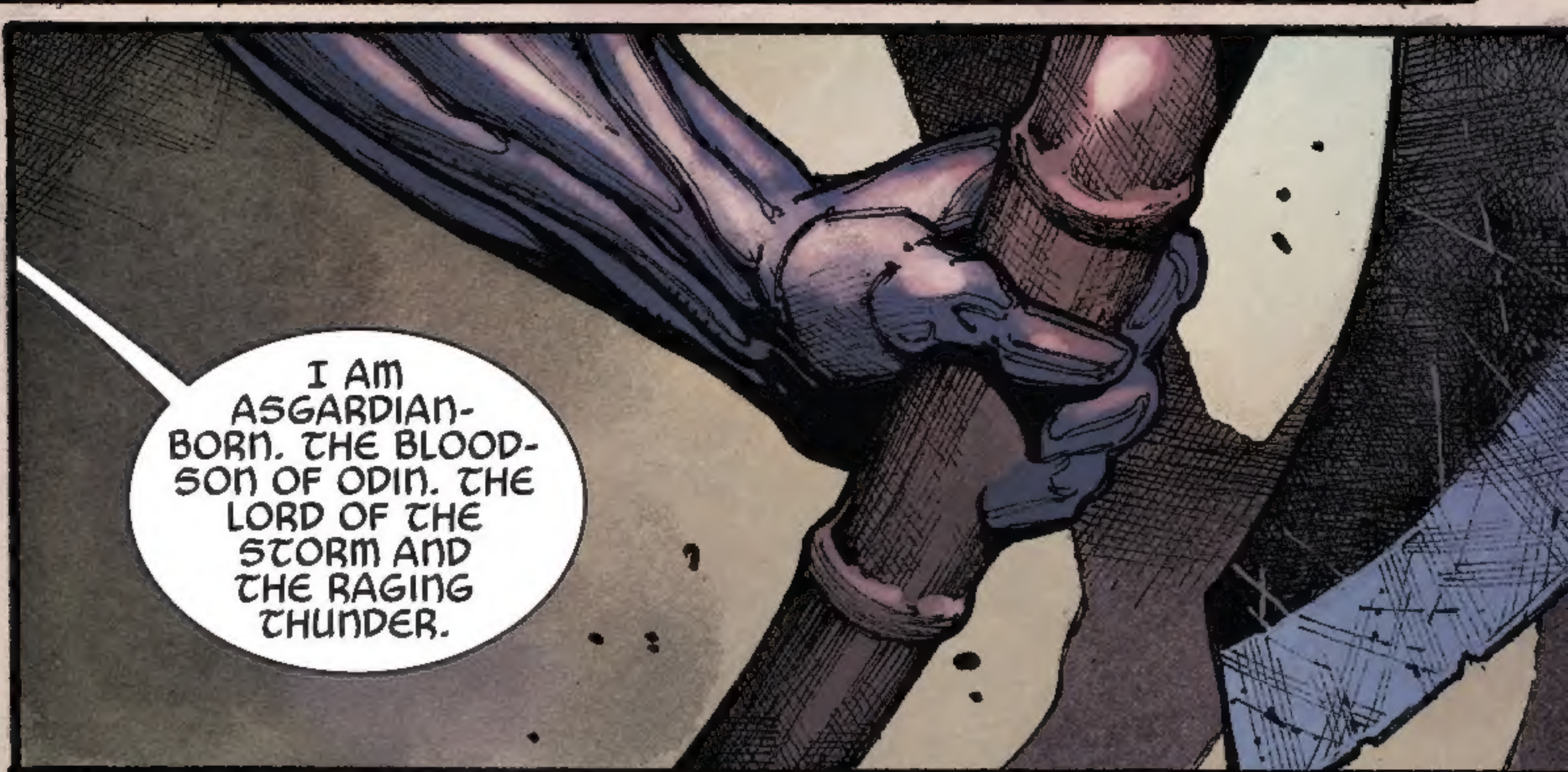
YOU WILL **NEED** YOUR HAMMER FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD.



YES, SPEAKING OF THAT. THERE IS A LARGE HORDE OF THE COLLECTOR'S GUARDS COMING THIS WAY.

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE READY FOR THIS?

THEY THINK ME **WEAK** BECAUSE I AM UNWORTHY. LET THEM. I AM STILL A GOD AND MORE THAN A GOD.



I AM ASGARDIAN-BORN. THE BLOOD-SON OF ODIN. THE LORD OF THE STORM AND THE RAGING THUNDER.



AND I'LL BE DAMNED IF I NEED A HAMMER IN ORDER TO RAISE SOME HEL.

BUT THIS DAY I WILL CLAIM ONE NONETHELESS.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH BLOOD I MUST WADE THROUGH.

SO SWEARS THE UNWORTHY THOR.



-Olivier ROSSI 2016-

TO BE CONTINUED.





# AND LO, THERE CAME... AXE ME A QUESTION

SEND LETTERS TO MHEROES@MARVEL.COM, DON'T FORGET TO MARK OKAY TO PRINT!

Hey there, Hammerheads, I've got good news, great news, and bad news. Good news is that you just finished reading a knock-your-socks-off Thor comic and you get to keep that memory with you forever. Revel in it. Great news is Jason is hard at work writing more knock-your-socks-off Thor comics that you get to read in the near future! Get prepared! Bad news is, because Jason's hard at work on those knock-your-socks-off Thor comics, he couldn't answer your letters this month, so you're stuck with ME, The Unworthy Assistant Editor, Charles Beacham. I know, I know...I'm not Jason. But I'm what you get...So, let's get to your letters.

Firstly, I wanted to say I loved this first issue and am beyond hyped to see how it plays out. I got into Thor when I was reading the Time Runs Out story arc. Seeing him and Hyperion all rugged with beards battling against impossible odds was just epic. I then read your God of Thunder run and was hooked! Just putting it out there: if there was a way to get Thor and Hyperion looking B.A.M.F. and bearded together I would read the heck out of it! Maybe chuck in some Herc and Thor getting over their ruts together.

Thank you for bringing this series out!

Andrew  
Queensland,  
Down Under

Andrew, you seem to be a man's man. A real guy's guy.

You know, a dude who likes his comics full of brawny bearded bros battling it out or sharing a brew. Luckily for you Odinson is brawny, bearded, LOVES brew, has bros and loves to do great battle. While I can't promise that you'll see any specific characters, I CAN promise you won't be disappointed if you keep reading The Unworthy Thor.

Ah, the Odinson and his goat. Is there a better sight in modern day comics? Some would argue yes, but some would argue no. The recent Thor runs, of all shapes and sizes, have been great. We have Thors both new and old (however broken he is) that are entertaining in their own right. Whilst the older Thor comics never really interested me, the newer ones have certainly got my attention! What with his goat, his skull-smashing antics, and the appearance of a certain Beta Ray Bill! I'm sure it won't be too long before Odinson gets his hands on a hammer.

Keep up the good work!  
Alex Boland

Alex, there is no spectacle more beautiful in all the Ten Realms than the Odinson and his goat. Of that, I am sure. Bill isn't.

I haven't read a lot of Marvel lately, however, when I heard about this book, I had to pick it up. Jason Aaron is easily my favorite writer working at Marvel right now and Olivier Coipel is the best Thor artist of... well, I'd say ever. So, I picked it up and

was blown away by it. It's the perfect first issue- action packed, sets the plot going, and ends on a big moment that leaves you wanting more. Seeing Ulik again was great and with The Unseen's appearance, I'm wondering if the Odinson is going to find out who he is and what words they will have. When Beta Ray Bill offered the Odinson his hammer, I got chills. I can't wait to see where it goes and I know I'll be in good hands with the creative team. My heartfelt thanks to Messrs. Aaron, Coipel, and the rest of the creative team. I breathlessly await the next issue.

David Harth

Thanks for the kind words, David. Jason, Olivier, Matt, and Joe all pour their hearts into these stories. I feel the same sense of wonder when I read a script or get new art in. Hope you enjoyed issue #2!

Mr. Aaron, I've been reading your run on my favorite character since Thor God of Thunder. I had my doubts when we were switching over the hammer but you proved those doubts wrong and I'm very pleased with that. But Unworthy Thor encouraged me to write in for the first time. My place of employment and my local comic shop shut down recently (Hastings, if you're familiar with the chain) and I've been feeling like something's been missing in my life ever since. Then I read this issue of Unworthy Thor and I just related so heavily. I lost a job that I

put my identity and social empowerment into... I don't know, I don't want to ramble, but I just want to say that this comic made this transitory period just a bit easier and it's just really nice to relate so deeply to my favorite character. If this can even happen to Thor it's making me less hard on myself on my job search.

Signed,  
Taylor, A Huge Fan of  
Your Work

Thanks for sharing this with us, Taylor, and good luck in your job search. I know that for most of us working in comics, the emotional resonances we find in these stories and with these characters is what drove us to pursue these jobs. Odinson's struggle isn't over, but may his story continue to bring you hope.

I never liked Thor.

No! Don't go away! Let me finish!

Thanks. So, a few years ago, I felt no kind of empathy for Thor. For me, he was just that beautiful-blondemane fancy-speaking Norse god. However, one year ago, I was getting my issues at my comic-book store when my eyes stumbled upon that gorgeous cover for Mighty Thor #1, the first issue of the second series featuring Jane Foster as Thor. I was aware that she was Thor and that she had cancer. I decided to take a look inside and I was hooked immediately. Since then, the series has become my favorite from Marvel. Jane Foster's portrayal is simply perfect, both in the writing and in the art. She's strong, meaningful and relevant. Meanwhile, I obviously got caught up on her first adventures as Thor.

When I heard about this new series, I realized I was ready to reconcile with Odinson. This time, I didn't pick up the first issue by

chance, I ran directly to it when entering my comic-book store. And I wasn't disappointed at all. I got everything I wanted, and more: some answers, even more questions, the best space travel goat, fights where Odinson doesn't prevail, Beta Ray Bill... I can't wait for the next issues!

So, I wanted to say thank you to Jason Aaron for modernizing Thor and showing me what this character is really about. Also, the artists, Olivier Coipel, Russell Dauterman and Matthew Wilson, are masters.

Now I love Thor.

Yours,  
Roni Kaufman

P.S.: I recently found a copy of Mighty Thor #337, Beta Ray Bill's first appearance!

Roni, thanks for your kind words. I know Jason has been so grateful for the love and support people have had for Jane as she took up the mantle. It's nice to know that Jane's story has helped you reconcile with Odinson. If you're ready, I highly recommend Jason's earlier work on Thor beginning with God of Thunder. It's GREAT stuff and there are things that get paid off in The Mighty Thor. Check it out!

Well, that's all we've got time for this month, but before we say goodbye I've got one more piece of surprise great news for you: For the next issue of Unworthy Thor, the amazing Mr. Coipel will be joined by some of the most thunderous Thor artists ever, including, Esad Ribic, Frazer Irving, and Russell Dauterman. It's an all-star issue you won't want to miss!

See you soon!  
Charles

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### UNWORTHY THOR #4



### THE MIGHTY THOR #15





